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IN IPI VS CCC CASE

## District court extends TRO

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI ordered an extension for the temporary restraining order granted by the Superior Court in the lawsuit filed by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC and its subsidiaries against the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled yesterday to extend further Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo's TRO that expired

yesterday. The TRO had already been extended once.

In a phone conference with Manglona yesterday, she found good cause to extend

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### CCC files counterclaim vs IPI

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The Commonwealth Casino Commission, through the Office of the Attorney General, filed last Wednesday a counterclaim in federal court



General Benjamin K. Petersburg asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI that if the CCC is determined by the court to be liable for releasing information of IPI's subsidiaries, IPI should indemnify CCC.

Petersburg asked the court to hold IPI liable to pay CCC dam-

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### NMI unaffected by food stamp cut

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's proposed changes

to rules for availing of food stamp benefits will not affect the CNMI's Nutritional Assistance Program.

Last July 22, USDA proposed a new rule seeking to tighten automatic eligibil-

ity requirements and closing a "loophole" that allowed people receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, benefits to automatically be enrolled into

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Clothing store Kiki's is the brainchild of 28-year-old business owner Maki Ta.

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A Utah boy has earned widespread social media attention for his soda stand.

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A warning has been issued about the presence of box jellyfish in Marianas beaches in the next several days.

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Citing information provided by the Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources at the Guam Department of Agriculture, the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, warned that there is a high potential for large quantities of box jellyfish to appear in waters along shorelines and on beaches of the Mariana Islands the next several days.

A beach hazards statement is now in effect through Sunday afternoon.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point is advising swimmers and beach goers to stay alert and report sightings of jellyfish to lifeguards, hotel management, or authorities. If jellyfish are seen, avoid contact and stay away. Folks planning to spend extended amounts of time in the water should consider wearing full-body wetsuits.

The public is advised to remain watchful for box jellyfish and avoid touching them. (EOC)

## GAO: Trust funds for Micronesia, RMI not enough to replace grants

The U.S. Government Accountability Office has indicated that trust funds for Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands would not be enough to replace expiring U.S. annual grant assistance.

In testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, GAO said that, with several annual grant assistance programs expiring in fiscal year 2023, both the Federated States of Micronesia and RMI would have trouble disbursing money based purely off Compact

Trust Funds.

GAO is the accounting and auditing arms of the U.S. Congress and is considered the supreme audit institution of the U.S. government.

GAO projects a 41% likelihood that the FSM Compact Trust Funds would be unable to provide any disbursement in one or more years in fiscal years 2024 through 2033, with the likelihood increasing to 92% from fiscal years 2054 through 2063.

For RMI, GAO projects the likelihood of RMI Com-

pact Trust Funds to be unable to provide any disbursement in one or more years in fiscal years 2024 through 2033. The likelihood increases to 56% in fiscal years 2054 through 2063.

This is because both the FSM and RMI rely heavily on U.S. grants and programs, GAO said.

"In fiscal year 2016, U.S. compact sector grants and supplemental education grants, both scheduled to end in [fiscal year] 2023, supported a third of the FSM's expenditures and a quarter of the RMI's," GAO said.

Solving this issue, however, would be tricky according to GAO.

"...Potential strategies such as reduced trust fund disbursements would reduce or eliminate the risk of years with no disbursement," GAO said, adding that some strategies require changes in trust fund agreements and all of the strategies would require countries to "exchange a near-term reduction in resources for more predictable and more sustainable disbursements in the long term."

In GAO's May 2018 report,

it made three recommendations for both FSM and RMI to the U.S. Department of the Interior: to develop distribution policies; develop fiscal procedures required by the Compact Trust Fund agree-

ments; and address the timing of the calculation of Compact Trust Fund disbursements.

"[The Department of the Interior] concurred with our recommendations and has stated that it plans to implement them before the FSM and RMI transition to [Compact] Trust

Fund income in fiscal year 2023," GAO reported in its May 2018 report, adding that FSM and RMI also concurred with the recommendations.

However, GAO noted that the DOI has yet to implement the recommendations. (Erwin Encinare)

## Two cars collide on Middle Road

A two-car collision occurred in Gualo Rai late yesterday afternoon during rush hour. There were no fatalities as both drivers exited their vehicles unscathed.

At around 5:09pm, a black Toyota pickup collided with a gray Nissan Sentra near the Shell gas station along Middle Road, sending the latter spinning uncontrollably.

The driver directly behind the Nissan Sentra nearly collided with the Nissan Sentra because the driver slammed on the breaks, causing the car to skid as the road was wet from a recent rain.

Police were called immediately and they arrived at the scene at about 5:15pm. By 5:30pm, both cars were cleared from the area and no one appeared to have been injured.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to issue a report on the accident.

The Nissan Sentra was heading south on the inner lane of Middle Road, while the Toyota pickup was exiting from First Hawaiian Bank into

Middle Road and was also headed south.

The Toyota pickup that was exiting from the First Hawaiian Bank Middle Road into Middle Road inner lane did not anticipate the speed of the incoming Nissan Sentra. The Toyota pickup ran straight into the Nissan Sentra's driver side and sent the car spinning twice before it landed on the outer side of the opposite lane.

The cars behind were brought to a sudden stop but, because of the wet road, the car directly behind slid but was able to stop before colliding with the Sentra.

An individual walking along Middle Road walked over to the cars to check on the passengers of the vehicles.

(Kimberly A. Bautista)

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compliant with Public Law 15-02, which requires the creation of a DPL Operations Fund, and that it is unable to produce reliable and relevant financial information.

Deloitte and Touche LLC, which audited DPL's financial statement on years ended Sept. 30, 2018 and 2017, also noted potential underpayment of lease revenues and collections on invalid permits and leases.

The audit is available on the OPA website at [www.opacnmi.com](http://www.opacnmi.com).

The auditor recommends that DPL be made to comply with P.L. 15-02 and to monitor and reconcile with Department of Finance in a timely manner and establish monitoring controls over disbursements.

P.L. 15-02 requires the creation of the DPL Operations Fund, which shall be maintained by the Department of Finance. It requires all revenues received by DPL to be deposited in the fund, and all operational expenses of DPL to be paid from the fund.

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the TRO, saying that CCC would not suffer damage if it is prohibited from releasing the consolidated audited financial statements of IPI and its subsidiaries, Grand Marianas (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific Properties LLC, until a preliminary injunction is ruled upon.

"Having considered the arguments of both counsels, the court finds at this time good cause to extend the TRO. Without an extension, the closeness in timing of removal and the expiration of the state court TRO would effectively prevent plaintiff from obtaining a decision on the merits of the case," she said.

Manglona was also persuaded to grant the extension of the TRO on other grounds,

The auditor recommends that DPL performs periodic reconciliations with Finance to verify the accuracy and completeness of disbursements processed and reconcile account balances maintained in the Finance ledger.

The auditor also recommends that DPL management update lease contracts and permits and enforce lease provisions.

In DPL's response to the auditor's findings, DPL Secretary Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo said DPL has obtained the Office of the Attorney General's advice regarding DPL's compliance with P.L. 15-02.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said that, according to the OAG, compliance with P.L. 15-02 entails Finance assuming all of DPL's accounting functions, which they will have to discuss with the newly appointed Finance secretary.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said DPL is now in the process of devising a transition plan that ensures an orderly transfer.

She said it is a standard procedure of DPL to reconcile against the general ledger

maintained by Finance.

She said payroll expenditures and cash disbursements to vendors are reconciled monthly to ensure that they are all legitimate and belong to DPL.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said standard operating procedure has been established to ensure it is strictly implemented in order that all financial transactions are processed effectively and efficiently.

She said all payroll timesheets and payment vouchers submitted to Finance for payment processing are certified by the DPL Finance director, approved by the DPL secretary and approved by Finance and accounting director prior to processing payments by the Treasury Office.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said payments to vendors made by Finance are reconciled and reimbursed every 15<sup>th</sup> and at the end of each month and thereafter.

She said checks received from Treasury Office are also reconciled to ensure they are accurate.

She said payroll expenditures are reimbursed bi-

weekly based on the report provided by the CNMI payroll and is reconciled against DPL schedule.

Concepcion-Teregeyo said all payroll adjustments and supplemental check requests are verified by the DPL finance director and approved by her, with all supporting documents.

The auditor found that DPL has not maintained a separate general ledger system since fiscal year 2017.

Specifically, the auditor determined that revenues received by DPL are not deposited in the DPL Operations Fund and that a general ledger for DPL transactions is maintained by Finance but it is not reconciled or monitored by Finance or DPL.

The auditor found that cash transactions received and disbursed at DPL are summarized in cash receipt and cash disbursement journals, which are not recorded in the Finance's general ledger.

The auditor said journal vouchers posted to Finance's general ledger by Finance personnel are not approved by DPL management.

The auditor said receivables, accounts payable, accruals and unearned revenues are not reconciled in Finance's general ledger.

The auditor said adjustments to record DPL transactions in Finance's general ledger were recorded by DPL through proposed audit adjustments.

Those things happened, the auditor said, because compliance with P.L. 15-02 is not enforced and that monitoring and timely reconciliation of transactions with Finance is not performed.

The auditor said DPL did not implement available system controls over the financial reporting process and there is no established monitoring control procedures to determine the accuracy and com-

pleteness of disbursements processed at Finance.

The auditor noted that the lack of compliance with P.L. 15-02, the lack of reliable and relevant financial information, and the inability to detect errors and inaccuracies were already reported as a finding in the audits of DPL in fiscal years 2010 through 2017.

With respect to the lease of public lands, the auditor's test of 88 cash receipts for long-term lease contracts and temporary permits noted that audited financial statements were not provided for nine receipts related to contracts and permits requiring such documents.

**A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)**

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the SNAP program in the U.S. mainland.

TANF, a federal assistance program, helps pay for food, shelter, utilities, and expenses other than medical while the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, provides financial aid for food.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) told *Saipan Tribune* that, after reviewing the proposed rule, it has been determined that the changes would not impact individuals who receive food assistance in the Marianas.

"The proposed rule applies to individuals who receive benefits from any program funded by [TANF]. TANF is not available in the Marianas, so no one would be affected," said Sablan.

About 4,401 families in the CNMI avail of NAP benefits. Sablan noted that the proposed rule changes were not discussed during his meeting in early July 2019 with USDA Deputy Undersecretary and Food and Nutrition Service Administrator Brandon Lipps.

"...We talked about the \$25 million in disaster food assistance that I included for the Marianas in June [for] Public Law 116-20. I want to be sure the [USDA] helps the Marianas NAP office use that \$25 million effectively to feed our families, who are trying to recover from last year's typhoons," he said.

CNMI Nutritional Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas echoed Sablan's assurances. "In my opinion, this proposed rule does not impact the NAP," he said.

He said the TANF program is not offered in the CNMI, so the NAP will not be affected by the cuts of food stamp benefits. "The ruling won't affect NAP, because we don't offer

TANF here, and this automatic eligibility does not apply to this program," he said.

TANF recipients receive automatic eligibility for food stamps in certain states, if they meet income and other requirements for TANF.

Guam currently implements the TANF program, though, and their food stamp program might be affected by the rule change.

Macaranas said that the Supplementary Nutritional Assistance Program and the NAP operate on block grants, but differ by rules and regulations. NAP negotiates a memorandum of understanding every year, which outlines the rules that are to be followed while implementing the block grant.

He said that applicants of food stamps must pass an income and a resource test; with income being within NAP's income bracket, and resources being the applicant's bank accounts. There are certain brackets for individuals under the age of 54.

"Right now, the recipients are going through these tests and are meeting the requirements for NAP eligibility," he said.

There is also a possibility for automatic eligibility in the CNMI but it is only applied to people who are receiving Supplemental Security Income from the Social Security Office. These recipients are given a minimum allotment, which varies by the size of the recipient's household.

USDA estimates that 1.7 million households—3.1 million people—will not meet the eligibility of SNAP benefits under the new rule changes.

Attempts were made to obtain comments from the administration of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on the possible impact of the rule change to the CNMI but there was no response as of publication.

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ages, court costs, and attorneys' fees.

IPI gave CCC information that included data about IPI's subsidiaries, Grand Marianas (CNMI) LLC and Imperial Pacific Properties LLC.

Last July 12, Grand Marianas and IPP filed a complaint as intervenors in IPI's lawsuit against CCC, alleging various causes of action against CCC related to the public availability of the information provided by IPI to CCC pursuant to the order which Commonwealth law specifically declares not

confidential.

Petersburg said IPI knew, at the time it provided information to CCC, that the information would be made publicly.

"To the extent that the CCC may be at all liable in any way for the public availability of information related to the intervenors which was deemed confidential by Commonwealth law, it is solely due to IPI's actions in including intervenors' information in its submissions to the CCC pursuant to the order," the lawyer said.

Petersburg said the subsidiaries' lawsuit seeks damages against the CCC premised on the action of IPI in pro-

viding intervenors' information to CCC.

Petersburg said if the CCC is determined to be liable to the intervenors, the CCC may be ordered to pay damages, attorneys' fees, and costs of suit.

He said CCC is without fault in regards to the disclosure or public availability of any information related to IPI's subsidiaries.

Petersburg said that, without IPI's inclusions of intervenors' information in its submissions to the CCC, the CCC would not be liable for damages.

He said because IPI included the intervenors' information in its submission to the CCC, the CCC could be held

liable to the subsidiaries for damages as a result of the disclosure of publicly available information.

"The CCC's potential liability is the direct and proximate result of IPI's active and affirmative conduct," he said.

As a result, Petersburg said, the CCC is entitled to complete indemnification by IPI for all sums for which the CCC may be held liable in relation to the disclosure of information provided by IPI to CCC.

IPI is suing CCC for their plans to disclose to the OAG confidential tax return information that is allegedly protected under the CNMI Constitution. (*see related story*)

## Torres joins governors at summer meeting

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has joined the nation's governors in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the National Governors Association's annual Summer Meeting, during which state and territorial chief executives share best practices and hold working sessions that range in a variety of policy areas.

During the three-day meeting, NGA will launch an Outdoor Recreation Learning Network in partnership with governors and state outdoor recreation directors. This network will help governors and their staff explore strategies to leverage their unique natural, cultural and historical resources to yield economic, social and environmental benefits for current and future generations.

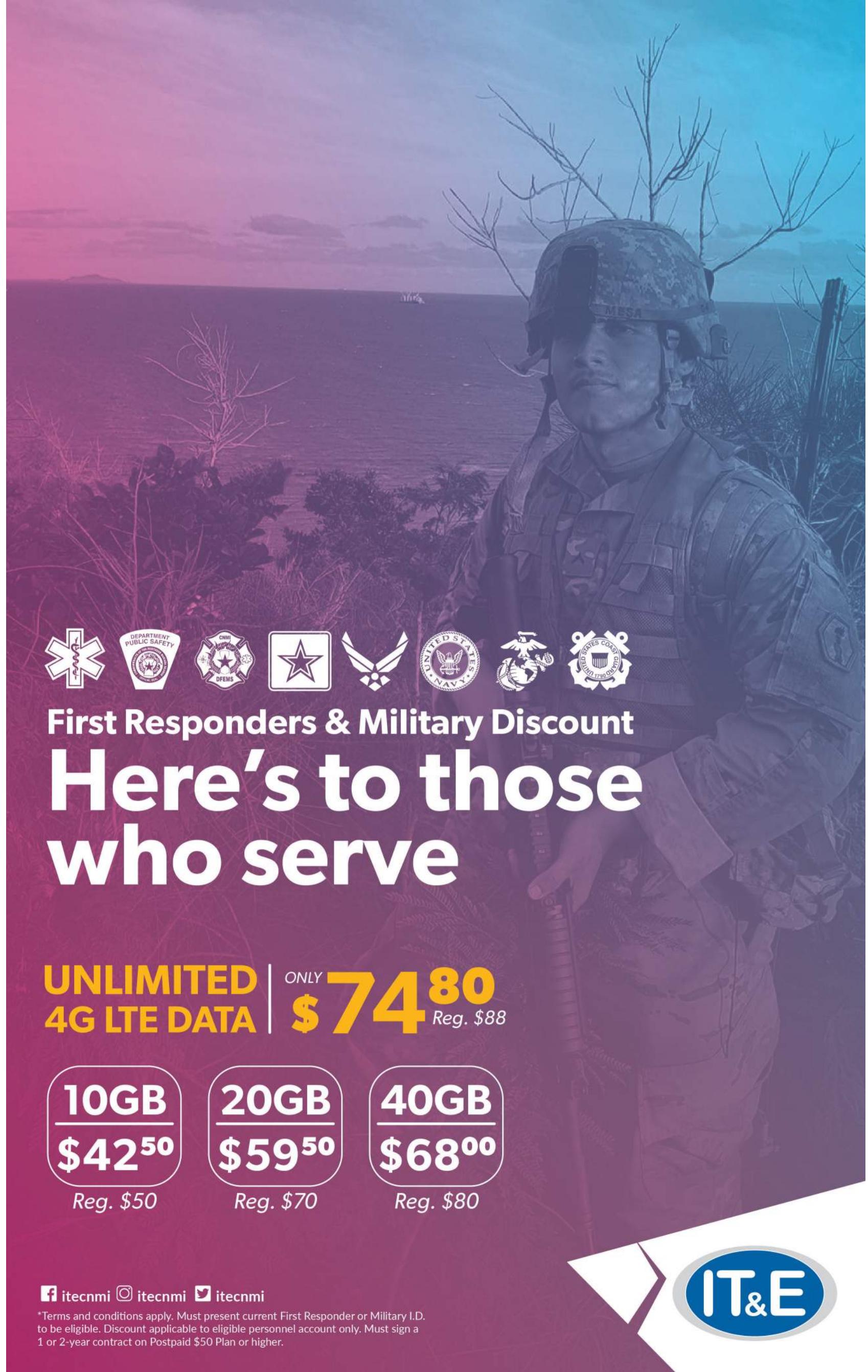
The CNMI was recently awarded a competitive grant of \$131,162 by the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service to plan and develop a new comprehensive outdoor recreation plan for 2019-2024.

"This competitive grant award we recently received from the National Park Service allows us to develop a brand-new community strategy that maximizes our culture and environment into new outdoor activities and areas for our youth, our families, and our community as a whole. Sharing these best practices will go a long way in developing the plans we have in place with our staff at [the Department of Lands and Natural Resources] and at [the Division of] Parks and Recreation," Torres said.

The agenda for the Summer Meeting also includes sessions on human trafficking, disconnected youth, resilience, cybersecurity workforce, roadway safety, early learning, and rural and disinvested communities.

"...The CNMI faces complex, but shared challenges faced by many other states and territories. The NGA meetings serve as a great place to share valuable solutions, instead of dwelling on problems..." Torres said.

Torres is also scheduled to meet with officials of the U.S. Department of Defense on military activities in the CNMI, as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue the partnership for the CNMI's ongoing recovery efforts from Super Typhoon Yutu. (PR)



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## Bereaved parents mark second year of 'remembering'

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REPORTER

The bereaved parents' community on Saipan, led by Tania Marie Mendiola, marked its second year of spreading its advocacy of unity among parents who have lost their children by commemorating this month as National Bereaved Parents Awareness Month and yesterday, July 25, as a day of remembrance of the children who have passed away.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, acting in place of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, expressed his condolences to the families who have experienced losses and hopes for the best to them.

He also encourages the CNMI community to offer compassion and support to bereaved parents as they grieve, and he asks that the community educates themselves about the grieving process and remain mindful of the bereaved community and hope for their strength and healing.

Mendiola, who lost her 16-year-old son three years ago, understands the struggles that parents go through and that few recognize that these parents go through depression, frustration, anger, resentment, hatred, loneliness, bargaining, anxiety, confusion, and many others.

Mendiola said that she tries to educate people through

her Facebook account as she posts about the do's and don'ts about how to approach a bereaving parent and how to ask them questions. She has seen parents who have been grieving for over five years and never left their homes, parents who have seen more tragedies occur after the loss of their child, and many more cases of the struggles a bereaved parent goes through.

"I have been through my parents passing away and I felt bad...but when my son passed away, I felt like I lost everything," she said.

It helps her process her grief by working with other bereaved parents, listening to stories of their struggles,

and letting them grieve for their loss.

In the United States alone, parents of over 50,000 children face the tragedy of losing a child. Bereaved parents may also encounter lack of self-care, failed marital/partner relationships, mortality due to illness or suicide, loss of friendships, and separation of families.

The group, together with We Remember Them CNMI, hosted a "Walk to Remember" last night at the Mina-chom Attdao, honoring all the children who've lost their lives and commemorating the strength and struggles these parents go through, especially in times of loss.

Members of the bereaved parents community, legislators, and Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios pose for a picture yesterday at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill.

MARC A. VENUS

## Agricultural Fair tomorrow

The Saipan Agricultural Fair Association and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources are set for tomorrow's 36th Agricultural Fair at the Garapan Central Park Roundhouse, from 7am to 2pm.

DLNR staff and SAFA have been working this past week to get the event grounds ready and DLNR Secretary Anthony Benavente said he is happy with the progress that they are making. He said that the competitors will also be bringing in their animals and crops today.

No matter the weather, the fair will be ready for tomorrow, said SAFA officer Jack Ogomuro.

He said the group chose the Roundhouse as it is a covered area and will keep the crops and the spectators dry if it rains.

The fair will showcase a livestock competition, ornamental flowers and specialty crop competition, and a plant competition.

The fair committee will be accepting entries until today. Benavente said that the competitors will be judged through a points system, meaning the participant with the highest amount of points wins the competition.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Division of Agriculture, the DLNR Parks & Recreations office, and the Garapan Public Farmers' Market.

For more information about tomorrow's fair, contact Solly Takai at (670) 234-3276 or Diane Gabaldon at (670) 256-3320. (Marc A. Venus)



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**NEWS BRIEFS****Public invited to lantern ceremony**

The Saipan Mayor's Office and the Sanpoen group is inviting the public to join them at the annual lantern ceremony this Sunday, July 28 at 6pm at the Minachom Atdao.

The ceremony is intended to offer peace to those who perished during the Battle of Saipan in World War II.

The Saipan Mayor's Office student exchange program is looking for volunteers to help them with lantern-making and handing out the lanterns at the event. The lantern-making will begin at 1pm on Sunday at the Saipan Mayor's Office.

The group aims to make 300 lanterns and they will be setting up the lanterns at the Minachom Atdao at 4:30pm.

According to Student Exchange Program coordinator Yuki Kishimoto, the group usually brings in about 20 participants, but they only have 10 students coming on this trip so they will need many volunteers in order to complete the lantern-making and the releasing of the lanterns.

The group will be arriving this Saturday, July 27, and will be here until Aug. 1. This group is led by High Priest Kansho Kayaki and his brother, Susumu Kayaki.

This trip will mark the group's 41st visit to the CNMI.

For more information about the lantern ceremony, contact Yuki Kishimoto through email at [ykishimoto@mos.gov.mp](mailto:ykishimoto@mos.gov.mp) or call (670) 234-6208. (*Marc A. Venus*)

**Group asks Canada to stop Hawaii telescope money**

HONOLULU (AP)—An indigenous group in Canada is asking the Canadian government to stop funding a giant telescope planned for Hawaii's tallest mountain.

*The Canadian Press* reports the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs wrote Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Hawaii Gov. David Ige asking them to shut down the Thirty Meter Telescope project.

Canada is a partner in the \$1.4 billion project along with universities in California and national observatories in China, India and Japan.

In April 2015, Canada said it would provide up to \$243.5 million for the project over a 10-year period.

Protesters have been blocking a road for the last 10 days to prevent construction of the telescope on Mauna Kea's summit, which some Native Hawaiians consider to be sacred.

**Open enrollment at Isla Montessori School**

Fall enrollment is now open at the Isla Montessori School in Dandan and they are ready

to welcome new students and their families into their growing community.

A community open house is scheduled for Monday Aug. 5, from 4pm to 6pm, during which members of the public can tour the campus and classrooms. Families can schedule a private tour by calling 288-4752 or emailing [info@islamontessori.org](mailto:info@islamontessori.org).

Isla Montessori Isla Montessori is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization that serves children from ages 2.5-9 years of age. (*PR*)

**Ukulele classes at JKPL**

Registration for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Beginner and Intermediate Ukulele Class is ongoing.

The classes are open to children ages 8 years or older and adults.

The total cost for eight class sessions is \$50. Ukulele classes are held at the JKPL, in partnership with ukulele instructor Larry Lee and children. Session is set to begin on July 23, 2019. The ukulele class is every Tuesday and Wednesday at 4pm to 5pm.

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets (plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are recommended). Parents/guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children and must adhere to public library policies and procedures. (*PR*)

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is being very careful with its spending—including

keeping overtime costs down—to avoid austerity measures that will cut employees' work hours.

Acting CUC executive director William Gilmore said

that CUC is currently doing well and is working with the staff to rely on flexible time schedules instead of overtime as the temporary measure so that they can reduce

overtime costs.

Gilmore said they want to maintain the full 80-hour workweek as much as possible by doing anything they can to contain their spending at this time.

"The [employees] are being really supportive. It's a team effort. ... We don't want to go into the austerity as much as we can," he said.

CUC is also looking for new revenue opportunities.

Gilmore is encouraging customers to pay their bills on time because CUC has a job to maintain a 24-hour system.

"It's not like a lot of agencies; we work 24 hours every day of the week," he said.

Autonomous agencies like

CUC, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority can choose to follow or not the Torres administration's austerity measures.

MVA started last June 23, cutting the work hours of their 36 employees from the regular 80 hours to 72. CPA has not adopted the austerity measures, but is cutting its operations due to reduced revenues.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reduced the operation hours of offices under the Executive Branch starting last June 23, with agencies closing every payday Friday beginning last July 5.

## Guam Guard airmen return from deployments



Six airmen, kneeling in front, from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Force Support Squadron, pose for a photo with Guam National Guard Leadership immediately after arriving in Guam early yesterday morning at the Guam International Airport.

GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Six airmen from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Force Support Squadron returned yesterday morning from a deployment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve in Southwest Asia.

The airmen of the 254FSS were tasked to enhance combat-readiness by providing worldwide agile combat support and community services by delivering superior morale, welfare, recreation, manpower and personnel programs services.

"Although some airmen have returned, the Guard asks the public for their continued support of our soldiers and airmen, who are still deployed, as well as their families," said Maj. Gen. Esther J.C. Aguirre, The Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard. "We still have other airmen from the 254th Air Base Group, the 254th Security Forces Squadron and the 254th Force Support Squadron and soldiers from the 1st-294th Infantry Regiment who are currently deployed or supporting missions around the world. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers now and for the duration of their deployment." (PR)

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 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
**NMIS open house set**

Presto! The “magic” of summer has gone. The magical memory of vacation is fading. But teachers and staff at Northern Marianas International School can continue the magic. They can even make new magic and introduce your child to the miracle of learning. NMIS will host an open house all day of Aug. 5, from 9am to 5pm. Orientation is on Aug. 6. Classes begin Aug. 7. Join the magic and call 234-6647 for more information. (PR)

**Guam to mail out liability reminder notices**

Guam's Department of Revenue and Taxation will be mailing out outstanding Income and Business Privilege Tax liability reminder notices to individual and business taxpayers of record. Approximately 20,000 delinquent account balance notices from over 5,500 taxpayers identified will receive reminder notices in the mail. If you receive the notification or currently have an outstanding tax liability with the department, visit its Collection Branch to make payment. Call the Collection Branch at 635-7603/4/5/6 for further information or assistance. (PR)

**Scheduled power interruption today**

There will be a scheduled power interruption today, July 26, from 8:30am to 2pm on the Kiya 1 distribution circuit, affecting the Isley Field in Dandan and causing a momentary outages for Obyan,

Sky Chef, and the Aircraft and Rescue Firefighting facility, from 1:30pm to 2pm.

Aside from the Isley Wells, the water wells affected include IF 19, 20, and 21. No wastewater lift station will be affected.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize utility lines and allow power line workers from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to safely replace 13,000 linear feet of primary conductors.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282). (PR)

**SCC hosts vacation Bible school**

The Saipan Community Church is inviting interested children to participate in its Bible school at its church across Mobil Susupe. The Bible school will be from July 29 to Aug. 3, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

The Bible school event is called “The Greatest Journey.”

Children ages 5 to 12 years old are invited to join and participate in the Bible school's activities.

Participants will also be using materials provided by Samaritan's Purse.

Games, fun activities, arts & crafts will be provided for participants. Free food will also be provided.

Sign up now as space is limited. For more information, call (670) 588-1975 or (670) 484-6761. (MV)

**USCIS: New EB5 regs effective late 2019**

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REPORTER

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced early morning yesterday that “significant” revisions for the EB5 investor visa would be rolled out November 2019.

In a statement, USCIS would be raising the minimum investment amounts and revising the standards for certain targeted employment area—also known as TEA—designations, along with taking away a state's capability to designate itself as a TEA.

Starting November 2019, the standard minimum in-

vestment of \$1 million will be increased to \$1.8 million. In a TEA the minimum investment of \$500,000 will be increased to \$900,000.

USCIS describes this change as its “first increase since 1990” and is being made to account for inflation, according to the agency.

The new regulations on the visa also remove a state's capability to designate itself as a TEA. USCIS now holds that capability.

According to previous regulations, a state is designated as a TEA if its unemployment is 150% of the national average. However, due to the ma-

nipulation of boundaries of an electoral constituency, according to the USCIS, it eliminated that capability for states.

“Gerrymandering of such areas was typically accomplished by combining a series of census tracts to link a prosperous project location to a distressed community to obtain the qualifying average unemployment rate,” USCIS noted.

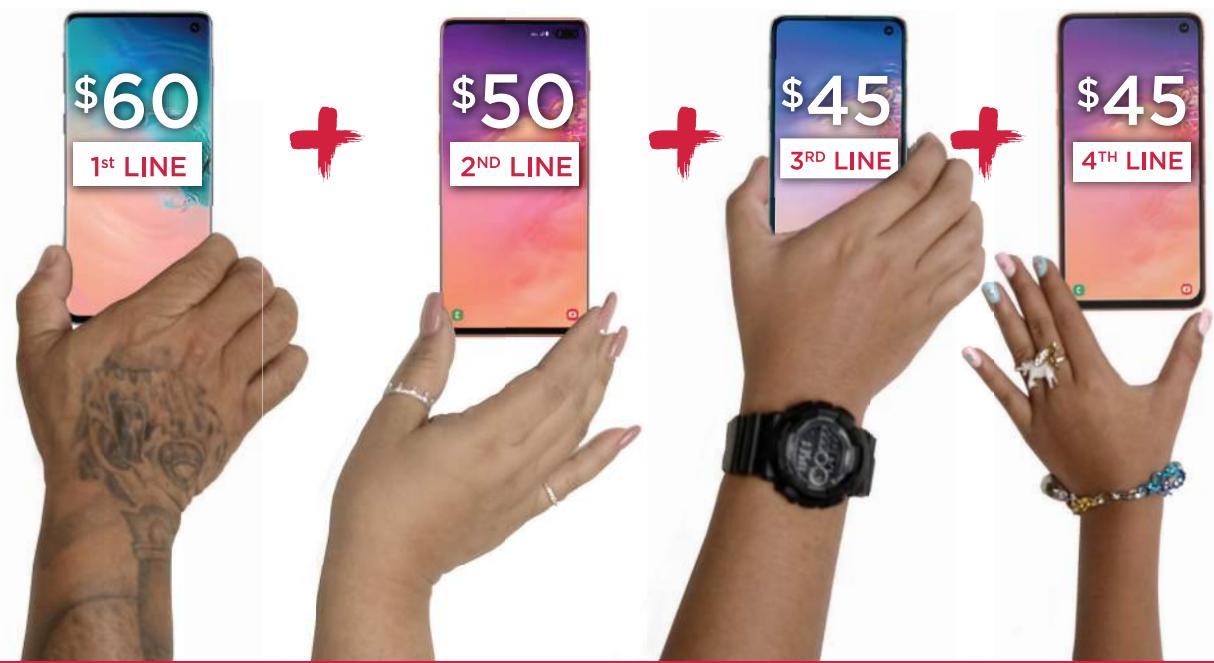
“[The U.S. Department of Homeland Services] will eliminate a state's ability to designate certain geographic and political subdivisions as high unemployment rates; instead, DHS would make such designations,” it added.

The statement further noted that the designations would be directly based on revised requirements in the regulation limiting the composition of census tract-based TEAs.

“These revisions will help ensure TEA designations are done fairly and consistently, and more closely adhere to congressional intent to direct investment to areas most in need,” USCIS stated.

In the CNMI, Tinian's Alter City Group is a company that had its EB5 designation approved last August 2018. *Saipan Tribune* attempted to reach out to the company regarding possible repercussions on the new regulations but there was no response as of press time.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Monday, August 5, 2019, 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

### AGENDA

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of April 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

#### II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW

##### A. CRM Permit Application No. TMS-2019-X-020

Project: XINGSHA HOTEL PROJECT The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC is proposing to construct the Xingsha Hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach, Lot No. 040 T 06, in San Jose, Tinian. The proposed project consists of three 3-story building complex with a total of 138 unit guest rooms, 112 parking spaces, storage area, control room, lobby and reception area, snack bar, and kitchen and dining areas with seating of about 24 persons. The proposal includes landscaping of plants and trees.

- 1) Agencies' Review and Discussion of Application Package

#### III. OTHER MATTERS

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO  
 Director, DCRM



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## ADDENDUM NO. 1 June 20, 2019 ITB19-GOV-083

### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF ROLL-OFF TRUCK WITH CABLE HOIST for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

1. Fourth paragraph: The pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled for July 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. ChST at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente at [nerissa.cip@gmail.com](mailto:nerissa.cip@gmail.com) or Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia at [esb.cip@gmail.com](mailto:esb.cip@gmail.com) no later than July 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m. ChST.

2. Fifth paragraph: Sealed bids must be marked **ITB19-GOV-083 Supply & Delivery of Roll-Off Truck with Cable Hoist for the Tinian Transfer Station**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time on July 29, 2019. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, July 29, 2019, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670)664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@cnmidof.net](mailto:procurement@cnmidof.net). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service of the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 29, 2019, and must be received no later than 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, on August 7, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m., ChST, August 8, 2019. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders from outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., Saipan Local Time, on July 29, 2019.

## Miranda named FBI Honolulu chief

Federal Bureau of Investigation director Christopher Wray has named Eli S. Miranda as the special agent in charge of the FBI's Honolulu field office.

Miranda most recently served as the director of the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group.

Miranda joined the FBI as a special agent in 2001. He was first assigned to the San Juan field office in Puerto Rico, then moved to the Tampa field office in Florida. He investigated organized crime, and drugs and money laundering, as well as terrorism and counterintelligence cases. He also served on the SWAT teams of both offices.

In 2006, Miranda was promoted to a supervisory special agent and moved to the Counterterrorism Division at FBI headquarters in Washington,

D.C. He served as the program manager for national security investigations based in the continental United States. In 2009, he served as the FBI senior advisor to the U.S. Central Command at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida. In 2011, he was named the assistant legal attaché in Kabul, Afghanistan.

In 2012, Miranda was named the supervisory senior resident agent for the Brownsville Resident Agency of the San Antonio field office, where he had oversight of FBI investigative programs in the surrounding communities. In 2014, he was named the assistant special agent in charge of the McAllen Resident Agency, also under the San Antonio field office.

In 2016, Miranda was promoted to director of the High-Value Detainee Interrogation

Group at FBI headquarters. The program is a cooperative effort between the FBI, Central Intelligence Agency, and the U.S. Department of Defense, and works to collect intelligence through lawful interrogations.

Prior to joining the FBI, Miranda served in the U.S. Army and later in law enforcement in Florida. He earned a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University in Alabama. Miranda also completed executive education courses at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. In 2013, Miranda received the FBI Director's Award for Distinguished Service to the Law Enforcement Community. (PR)



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE MONITORING SERVICES FOR THE POST CLOSURE OF THE PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE IN GARAPAN, SAIPAN

### RFP19-GOV-097

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Capital Improvement Office (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide **Labor, Material and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES of the Post Closure Maintenance of the Puerto Rico Dumpsite (Now called Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park)** in Garapan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package is available at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2019, 10:00 a.m. ChST, at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill. Questions regarding the Request for Proposals shall be addressed to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office, at [esb.cip@gmail.com](mailto:esb.cip@gmail.com) or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, August 7, 2019.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects	30%
2. Past Performance with CNMI Projects	30%
3. Cost	40%

Performance time for completion of this project will be a two year contract with an option to renew for six months upon issuance of notice to proceed. Contractors will be assessed \$200/day for any delays in the monitoring and reporting to BECQ and USEPA based on the Post Closure Maintenance Plan prepared by GHD Inc., May 2014.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP19-GOV-097 "To provide Labor, Materials and Equipment for the MONITORING SERVICES OF THE POST CLOSURE MAINTENANCE OF PUERTO RICO DUMPSITE" in Garapan, Saipan. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, August 19, 2019. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, August 19, 2019 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@cnmidof.net](mailto:procurement@cnmidof.net).

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than August 19, 2019 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than August 28, 2019. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

### BREACH OF ETHICAL STANDARDS (To be part of Solicitation for Quotes, ITBs and RFPs)

• **Gratuities.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any person to offer, give or agree to give any employee or former employee, or for any employee or former employee to solicit, demand, accept or agree to accept from another person, a gratuity or an offer of employment in connection with any decision, approval, disapproval, recommendation, preparation of any part of a program requirement or a purchase request, influencing the content of any specification or procurement standard, rendering of advice, investigation, auditing or in any other advisory capacity in any proceeding or application, request for ruling, determination, claim or controversy, or other particular matter, pertaining to any program requirement or a contract or subcontract or to any solicitation or proposal therefore. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(a).

• **Kickbacks.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for any payment, gratuity or offer of employment to be made by or on behalf of a subcontractor under a contract to the prime contractor or higher tier subcontractor or any person associated therewith as an inducement for the award of subcontract or order. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-725(b)

• **Contingent Fees.** It shall be a breach of ethical standards for a person to be retained, or to retain a person, to solicit or secure government contracts upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except for retention of bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial selling agencies for the purpose of securing business. NMIAC Section 70-30.3-730.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Arnold I. Palacios, Acting Governor  
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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 Director of Procurement & Supply

## Nominate your community hero for 2019 Bridge of Light Award

In an effort to honor and thank those who have helped the CNMI community, the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is now seeking nominations for this year's Bridge of Light Award.

This award is given each year to honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of one extraordinary individual or community hero who has worked diligently to provide safety for the community, to work to end domestic violence and sexual assault, and to be a "Bridge of Light" for victims and survivors in the CNMI.

The nominee may be a service provider, first responder, representative, or volunteer at one or more eligible agen-

cies, organizations or offices in the CNMI, and who has been there for a minimum of one year. The nominee must also show dedication and effort in the areas of leadership, service, advocacy for victims, prevention, community education or mobilization, and resource development.

Nominations may be submitted by a victim or survivor; a member, representative, and/or volunteer of NMCADSV and/or the Family Violence Task Force; or an employee, representative, and/or volunteer at eligible CNMI agencies, organizations, or offices.

To verify if an agency, organization, or office may nominate, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org.

Nominations may be submitted online through [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=uYY\\_2FpGIXfgbIyABgKeXjcA\\_3D\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/?sm=uYY_2FpGIXfgbIyABgKeXjcA_3D_3D). Hard copy nomination forms may also be submitted to the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence's office in Suite 206 of the Marina Heights I Building in Puerto Rico, Saipan during hours of operation (Monday

through Friday, 9am to 5pm).

It is strongly encouraged that those nominating be as detailed and thorough as possible on the form to show why their nominee is deserving of the award as those evaluating nominations will consider nominees based on the information provided.

The deadline to submit completed nomination forms is 11:59pm on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019.

The recipient of the 2019 Bridge of Light Award will be announced during the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation signing ceremony in October.

Past recipients include Department of Public Safety officer Flora Aguon, Karidat Social Services' executive director Lauri B. Ogomoro, Division of Youth Services social worker Mildred W. Sikebert, Karidat Social Services' counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz, Ayuda Network Inc.'s executive director Diana Camacho, and most recently, the Attorney General Office's victim advocate John Aguon.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at (670) 234-3878 or email info@endviolencenmi.org. (PR)

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CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev. 1

#### ISLAND WIDE WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**This project is funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).**

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of the installation of new service saddles, corporation stops, and PVC service lines from the CUC main to the meter, proper sizing of existing service lines, installation of a water meter on non-metered customers, relocation of existing CUC water meters from private property to public easement, various exploration work, abandonment of unnecessary service lines, removal of existing manifold systems, and as required, installation of new service lines from the meter to the house plumbing.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) on an electronic disk file; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **August 1, 2019 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-19-012, Rev.1, Island Wide Water Meter Installation, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **9:00 AM (ChST) on August 16, 2019**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 2, 2019 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, Water/Wastewater Engineer – via email [nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org](mailto:nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org) and Christie Sablan, Purchasing Technician, Senior – via email [christie.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:christie.sablan@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**IN THE )  
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Cases:  
ELEANOR B. )  
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BANK OF GUAM, )  
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and JESSIE S. )  
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Defendants.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that under and by virtue of the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property entered in the above titled action on June 13, 2019, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due to Plaintiff Bank of Guam from the Estate of Eleanor B. Delos Reyes and Defendant Jessie S. Delos Reyes, as prescribed in the Order Granting the Amended Motion for Order of Judicial Sale. The undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on **August 29, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Law Office, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being in Dandan on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

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**DATED this 24th day of June, 2019.**

Is  
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

# Security guards want ex-employer forced to produce documents

tected by a court order.

In response to the lawsuit, Bhuiyan, through counsel Janet H. King, asserted that he is not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act because his company is a small business.

Bhuiyan said his company, Island Protection Service, that he formed in 2008 does not have gross sales of \$500,000 a year and therefore, the District Court does not have jurisdiction over the FLSA claims raised by his former employees.

To qualify for coverage under the FLSA, Island Protection Services must have an annual gross volume of sales or receipts in the amount of \$500,000 or more, King said.

In his declaration in court, Bhuiyan said eight of the 14 employees are his relatives.

Bhuiyan said the allegation that he has annual gross revenues of more than \$500,000 is untrue and that he only provides security service to local businesses on Saipan and he never sought business outside the CNMI.

The plaintiffs are suing Bhuiyan and his company for allegedly not paying them the minimum wage and overtime and charging them with immigration filing fees.

The security guards are claiming unpaid wages and overtime compensation in an amount ranging from \$3,355 to \$21,593, or for a total of \$214,505.

The 14 plaintiffs are Shomon Ullah Monshi, Syful Islam, Nasir Uddin, Mohammed M. Billah, Addullah Al Mamun, Abdulla Al Mahamud, MD Rabi Ullah, Maksudur Rahman, Amir Rasool, Hemayet Hossen, MD Shahidul Islam, Billah Hossen Sarkar, Khril Basher, and Muhammad Soliman Munshi.

The security guards also asked the court to stop Bhuiyan from threatening and terrorizing them and their family members in Bangladesh. (Ferdie de la Torre)

## Santos finishes basic military training

U.S. Air Force airman John Oliver Santos has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Santos is the son of Orlando Santos and Mary Jane Indalecio of Saipan. He is a 2018



Santos

graduate of Marianas High School. (PR)

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# Governor acknowledges Native Hawaiian plight on Mauna Kea

By AUDREY McAVOY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**HONOLULU** (AP)—After a week of tension and dozens of arrests, Hawaii's governor is vowing to find a peaceful resolution to the ongoing stalemate with Native Hawaiian activists who are trying to prevent the construction of another telescope atop a Big Island volcano.

Gov. David Ige visited the protest site Tuesday evening after acknowledging that their grievances were not just about the new observatory but also the treatment of Native Hawaiians going back more than a century.

**Hollywood actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is visiting Native Hawaiian protesters who are blocking a road to prevent the construction of a giant telescope on Hawaii's tallest mountain.**

**Johnson reached the protest camp on Mauna Kea as dancers performed hula and chants. He exchanged nose to nose greetings called honi with protesters and then went into a tent to meet elders.**

**Johnson spent part of his childhood in Honolulu. He is not Hawaiian, but is Samoan.**

**Johnson's production company Seven Bucks Productions is making a movie about the life of King Kamehameha the Great, the leader who first unified the Hawaiian Islands in 1810. Johnson will star in the title role.**

**Activists welcomed Ige with a nose-to-nose greeting called honi as he approached a tent where Hawaiian elders have been blocking a road prevent to construction equipment and crews from reaching the summit of Mauna Kea.**

Earlier in the day Ige said he had asked Hawaii County's mayor to lead efforts to find common ground with the protesters.

The governor said in a statement he and Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim understand that the issues go deeper than the telescope and were about "righting the wrongs done to the Hawaiian people."

"We thought that having Harry support me in this capacity would be the best way to gather people to talk about the challenges and find the best way forward," Ige told reporters.

In a nod to activist preferences, his statement referred to them as "protectors" of Mauna Kea instead of protesters.

Some Native Hawaiians



Hawaii governor David Ige, left, exchanges breath—or honi—with kupuna Napua McShane Burke during a visit to the ninth day of protests against the TMT telescope on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at the base of Mauna Kea on Hawaii Island. AP



Actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, right, is greeted by community leader Pua Case during a visit to the protest site blocking the construction of the TMT telescope on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at the base of Mauna Kea on Hawaii Island. AP

consider the summit sacred and believe building the Thirty Meter Telescope there will only do more harm to a site that already hosts more than a dozen observatories.

Hawaii News Now streamed the governor's arrival live, showing protesters presenting him with lei and thanking him for coming.

Kim accompanied the governor on his visit, which lasted nearly 45 minutes.

About 1,000 activists were gathered halfway up Mauna Kea in opposition to the \$1.4 billion telescope, marking the ninth day of the protest. Over the weekend, crowds swelled to 2,000 people.

Ige indicated last week that he was willing to talk to protesters. But his visit and statement Tuesday were the first public steps he's taken toward that end.

"We will be working together to determine next steps that are in the best interests of all the people of Hawaii," Ige said in his statement.

Protest leader Kealoha Pisciotta said officials must consider not building the telescope. She said she met previously with the mayor and governor without making any progress.

"We've done all of that. But it's window dressing trying to get our buy-in," Pisciotta said. "We really need people to honestly consider our positions this time."

Much of the opposition has tapped into deep-seated grievances tied to the U.S.-backed overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1893, clashes over water and land rights, and frustrations over tourism and the exploitation of Hawaiian culture.

A consortium of universities and national observatories is pursuing the telescope project. They hope it will let them to peer back more than 13 billion years to early moments of the universe.

They want to build on Mauna Kea because it has some of the world's best conditions for viewing the night sky.

There are 13 telescopes already on the summit. The protesters say another would further desecrate the site.

In state court Tuesday, a panel of three judges ruled that Ige would need to modify an emergency proclamation he issued last week to allow one Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner to visit the summit for cultural and religious purposes.

Separately, another judge denied a motion filed by telescope opponents seeking a temporary restraining order to stop construction.



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# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## Will Johnson give special relationship a boost?

**L**ooking at the United Kingdom from this side of the Atlantic, it's fair to say that who becomes prime minister isn't always a crucial development. The "special relationship" is solid—so keep calm and carry on, as the British would say.

Tuesday brought something different. Not panic-inducing, but different: the ascension of Boris Johnson, a quirky, cerebral figure, to the post of prime minister. Johnson, won a Conservative Party election to succeed Theresa May. He takes office Wednesday.

Johnson will become a consequential figure in American eyes for three reasons: Iran, Brexit and the mercurial presidency of Donald Trump.

The United States views Iran as a menace with dreams of having nuclear weapons. The 2015 nuclear deal, struck between Iran, the U.S. and Europe looks weak. Trump pulled out and imposed harsher sanctions to compel a renegotiation that would address Tehran's support of terrorism and pursuit of ballistic missiles. Europe, including the U.K., has stuck with the deal.

We'd like to see the pact renegotiated and believe sanctions are the appropriate tool of persuasion. Those sanctions are more likely to be effective if Europe signs on.

The new British prime minister has good reason to join Trump's harder line: The belligerent Iranians have put the U.K. in their sights. On Friday, gunboats from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps seized a British-flagged oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz. Earlier, the British detained an Iranian tanker for violating European Union sanctions.

Iran's shenanigans at sea should not lead to a military confrontation. The U.S., Britain and other partners have the chance to cooperate to protect shipping in the strait and thus dissuade further Iranian aggression. That could—and should—be a first step by Britain to join Washington in using sanctions to drag Iran back to the negotiating table. U.S. sanctions are hurting. A tighter squeeze from Europe would help bring home the point.

Johnson makes for an intriguing would-be partner for Trump. Imagine Johnson as a British upper-class, egghead version of Trump and you wouldn't be wrong. Johnson was schooled at Oxford and loves to flaunt his knowledge of Latin, but in any language he's a showman and an economic nationalist, which is why he supports Brexit—the U.K.'s exit from the European Union. The departure's been messy—shambolic, as the Brits also say—so it will be up to Johnson to avert a European economic crisis.

Trump isn't afraid to ruffle the feathers of friends as well as foes. If he and Johnson can develop a rapport, the U.S.-U.K. special relationship will get a boost.

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## A poolside chat

**Y**ou'll have to wait until next week to find out what the U.S. military big brass (admirals and generals) have to say about Amelia Earhart being on Saipan. Please tune in then. Meanwhile here is some environmental grist for the mill or the grape stomping tub.

### Global smarming

Global cooling was all the rage in the '70s. Stand by for the next ice age if man keeps on fooling around improving his lot in life by controlling nature. Oops, okay, maybe it is global warming that will wipe us all out. Just turn your life over to the globalist elites and they will call on their climate gods to protect us all from the impending wrath. Okay, okay, so we were wrong again. Looks like we better call it "climate change." That way no matter what happens we can claim we were right. Well, one thing is for certain—the weather and the climate will change. It has been evolving and cyclically changing for the best part of the 4 billion years this mudball has been spinning around the star we call solar...but we humans didn't do it.

It is hard to imagine a group less likely to accurately prognosticate the future. So-called climate specialists can't predict the weather a week away but insist they have a "model" which predicts dire consequences hundreds of years away with unfailing accuracy.

They forget to mention that the sun actually drives the weather on this planet, not artificially measured carbon dioxide levels. The ice core evidence clearly points out that CO<sub>2</sub> levels increase *after* a warming episode, not before as the man-made weather alarmists would have you believe.

The latest bit of tomfoolery from the global warming crowd is that we are about to be inundated by an imminent sea level rise. I'm a relative newcomer to these parts but have been going to low-lying areas like Managaha and the various beaches around Saipan for 25 years or so and don't see the high mean tide mark a millimeter higher now than it was then. Do you? Like the glaciers that were supposed to be melting in Glacier National Park but aren't, the sea level rise bugaboo is the same kind of scare tactic used repeatedly by the folks who would like to rule your life via a phony carbon trading scheme which they just happen to be in charge of.

Why would they bother to lie? The researchers lie (and many have already been caught with their thumbs on the scientific evidence scales) because big money grants come to those who espouse the "politically correct" climate narrative and do not go to those who don't. Grants are the lifeblood of academia where earning money to pay for their research would tiresomely get in the way of their scholarly myopia. Who supplies the grant money? The same elites who want to drive the man-caused weather narrative. Their game is to get enough of the easily-led to buy into their scheme to force lifestyle controls on the world's population that just happen to enrich themselves and their

### SOUR GRAPES

**By BRUCE A. BATEMAN**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Bruce A. Bateman resides on Saipan with a wife, a son, and an unknown number of boondie dogs. He has owned and operated a number of unusual businesses and most recently worked as the marketing manager for MVA. Bruce likes to read, travel, tinker with bicycles, hike, swim, and play a bit of golf. He is opinionated and writes when the moon is full and the mood strikes.

cronies at the expense of the general population—all in the name of saving the earth and all of us from extinction. "Trust me, I'm from the government and I'm here to help you." Follow the money trail.

It's a scam as old as the first caveman to use a club on his neighbors to get them to do his bidding. I suggest you listen very carefully the next time some "news story" gets around to telling you how the weather is going to change and we are all going to die because it's *your* fault that the sky is falling. It's as phony as a three-dollar bill. There is a mountain of climate evidence out there. So far no one has a monopoly on understanding the incredibly complex, billions of years old systems that control it. Climate "scientists" have only been keeping records for the last 150 years or so and are absolutely clueless as to which direction the climate is heading now or in the future.

As for me, I hope it continues to get warmer, as it has done since we started coming out of the last ice age about 12,000 years ago. I'm a tropical kind of guy and don't want to be caught wearing a parka. Trouble is, neither I nor any of the politicians or global government types who claim otherwise can do a darned thing about it one way or the other.

Thanks for reading Sour Grapes !

*The earth's history over the past several million years is that for every 100,000 years, we go through a dramatic climatic cycle where we get 90,000 years of ice age and 10,000 years of a warm period. I think people today just have the expectation that we deserve a perfectly benign climate forever.*

—Hugh Ross

*Remember in 1973 the same science chatter said that the coming Ice Age is going to occur; we're going to lose millions of people. And the politicians knew how to solve it, they just didn't have the courage to solve it; they were going to put coal dust on the Arctic.*

—Don Young

# Long eerie echo

**A**t sunset, I'd settle into my recliner to regroup after rummaging through tons of reading material that begins at dawn. A restful break is in order to consider sober issues calmly over contentious matters.

Here goes:

Interesting the introduction of legislation in the U.S. Congress to raise the minimum wage to between \$15-\$20 an hour. While it would benefit millions of employees, it would equally render

jobless millions of other employees. So where do we draw the line on statutory minimum wage increase?

Moreover, politicians do a perfect Houdini when debating the minimum wage versus a living wage. The latter permits the employee to pay for basics like the first family home, car, clothing, food and other needs. Would \$15-an-hour cover basic family obligations?

The answer is obvious but politicians are clueless of basic economics that begins in family homes. Thus, the approval of more pennies, nickels and dimes, perpetuating incompetency!

Reportedly, Democrat presidential candidate Bernie Sanders announced last weekend he will cut staffers' hours so that they can effectively be paid a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. His plans prompted mockery from critics who say, "The move is more evidence that Sanders' plan to raise the national minimum wage is hypocritical and would only lead to less work and more unemployment."

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Always a pleasure hearing talk from frustrated folks about the dire need to right-size the local government. Do we really need a 29-member bicameral legislature? Does the NMI need more than 2,000 employees? With economic contraction, how do we pay for something taxpayers could no longer afford? But then the entire spout somehow turns into silent complicity.

We should follow the California state legislature in the way it pays its legislators. Each must show he's working on major legislation (introduced) in order to receive his paycheck. If you can't demonstrate this requirement then it means you won't get paid! It should force the 29 members on Da Hills of Saipan to seriously consider defining fiduciary duty and come full term with what's required of them!

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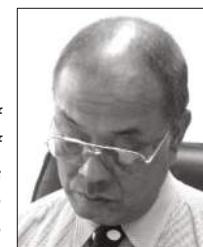
**Services:** There are two services in government that receive the most funds on any budget year: health care and education. Anything else must line up behind these agencies.

Here's a list of departments and agencies in the NMI: Commonwealth Health Center, Community and Cultural Affairs, Department of Public Works; Department of Commerce; Department of Labor; CNMI Legislature, Senate and House; Office of the Attorney General; Board of Parole; Board of Professional Licensing; Indigenous Affairs; Women's Affairs; Coastal Resources Management; Commonwealth Casino Commission; Commonwealth Election Commission; Commonwealth Law Revision Commission; Ooops! Excuse me, need to breath...

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**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**

Special to the Saipan Tribune



*John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands. All views expressed by the author are his/her own and do not necessarily reflect the opinion and stance of the Saipan Tribune.*

Commonwealth Ports Authority; the Judiciary (Superior and Supreme courts); Commonwealth Utilities Commission; Council on Developmental Disabilities; Department of Corrections; Department of Fire and EMS; Department of Public Safety; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Public Lands; Joeten-Kiyu Public Library; Veterans Affairs; MPLT; MVA; Medicaid; Settlement Fund; Housing; NMC; Personnel; Public Auditor; Public Defender; Rehabilitation; PSS; three mayors; three municipal councils; and duplicate offices of departments and agencies on Rota and Tinian.

You place the layer of government NMI-wide and you could see why we know nothing else but government. But isn't government "we the people?" Our definition is humiliatingly misplaced like in offices and their assigned functions.

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**After41?** Before we sink into complacency, what else is there to commence efforts to improve the quality of life at home? Have you given it some thought or "not yet, already?" "Quality of life" is central to your fiduciary duty, isn't it?

Beyond domestic issues, there are matters that pertain to our relationship with our national government that need revisiting. Unless we bring the issues up with them nothing else would go anywhere other than embrace complacency and stagnancy to our demise.

If I may, an issue that merits joint review is the 200-mile exclusive economic zone of the CNMI. While EEZs are the purview of a sovereign entity, e.g., our national government, it doesn't mean the door is completely shut in exploring joint efforts relating to sharing whatever sea mine may be explored by distant fishing nations. But this takes communications with appropriate federal agencies.

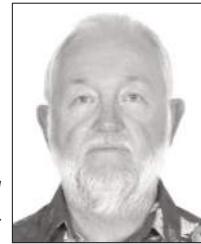
This and other related issues involving clarity and refinement of relationship with the feds require some meaningful discussion with Uncle Sam. Discussion lessens confusion.

## Flame Tree Flowers are Falling

### LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE' BATBON CONNOLLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune



*Joey "Pepe" Batbon Connolly is a retired teacher and has been named a poet laureate of Tinian. He has taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.*

*"I seem to hear them cry, "We will not leave our trees."* -from *Falling Leaves*, a poem by Kong Shao-an, (577-?), a 7<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Chinese Tang Dynasty poet

Along the CNMI's streets and every coral road are seen multitudes of bright and beautiful bowers as our prized *trunkon atbot* flame trees explode with thousands and thousands of flame tree flowers.

In Southeastern skies a tropical depression cowers perhaps the beginnings of a destructive typhoon its winds and rains containing damaging powers we know that it will be coming up our way soon.

Beaches and buildings it scour, vegetation it devours strong winds howl driving down rains which pound it does its serious damage in a matter of a few hours flame tree blossoms by the millions cover the ground.

Next year we'll see our green and orange tree towers paint the sky dropping flame tree blossom showers.

### Tinian Trade Wind Tales

The trade winds blow, coconut trees sway back on island, I've been too long away where are all the chungé birds today? the trade winds rise, chungé in pairs fly plumeria fragrance lingers in the air storm clouds threaten in the eastern sky I can't forget students for whom I still care a flight to Saipan, it won't take too long the sea is calm, few waves cresting white I remember an old 'Kunados Tinian' song shopping today, San Jose Fiesta tomorrow night roast pig, cow feet soup, bifstek, and red rice San Isidro Fiesta will be here before too long having a drink, seeing old friends will be nice.

### 15 Degrees N Latitude Philippine Sea

I drive south on Tinian along the Pacific ocean from high cliffs facing it on the southeastern side its water rolls back and forth in rhythmic motion Tinian welcomes the waters with a bay open wide.

On the eastern fringes of the Philippine Sea Tinian has World War II monuments to the US Korea and Japan in memory and for our liberty and Atomic Bomb Pits where we say God Bless.

Frequent hot sun by day cool trade winds at night off the coast the Mariana Trench way down deep the Milky Way galaxy and Fishhook stars bright fresh oxygen from the East puts you right to sleep.

How happy I am in my old age to be at this sight I write this sonnet quickly and with true delight.

## Congress needs to retake its power to declare war

**H**ere are two facts Americans should be aware of: There will be men and women deploying to Afghanistan for the first time this September who were born after Sept. 11, 2001; the authorization for that war was signed so long ago that 80% of the men and women in Congress today never voted on it. Put these facts together and one comes to the inescapable conclusion that Congress is overdue in revisiting and updating the legal foundations on which the war in Afghanistan is based.

I'm not opposed to war in principle. I enlisted in the Army, volunteered to lead men and women into combat, and fought in Afghanistan. But if the president of the United States believes there is a threat to our national security that requires sustained military action, then he or she should be forced to seek approval from Congress. This isn't a matter of opinion, it's the Constitution. This is exactly what happened in 2001. President George W. Bush asked to wage war against the terrorists behind the 9/11 attacks. Congress passed the Authorization for Use of Military Force, or AUMF.

But that was 18 years ago. And since then, Congress has abdicated its responsibility as Democratic and Republican presidents alike have invoked the AUMF against targets across 19 countries, many of which have no actual ties to al-Qaeda or affiliated groups.

This concern has taken on a new urgency. As tensions with Iran continue to escalate, Washington is embroiled in a debate about whether the 2001 AUMF provides a legal basis for war with Iran. That this is even a question underscores the need for Congress to take a fresh look at the AUMF. Until then, war hawks and neoconservatives will be trying to stretch an authorization older than our youngest soldiers.

Let me be clear, Iran is a serious threat and bad actor. I've had friends wounded by Iranian-made armor-piercing explosives in Iraq. Iran has continually undermined American interests in the

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Bloomberg News



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Middle East, including attacking tankers and the recent downing of one of our drones. But that doesn't mean its actions fall under the legal authority granted in the 2001 AUMF. An updated, modernized authorization can balance our need for national security with our expectation of proper oversight and transparency. I'm a Democrat representing one of the tightest swing districts in the country, but this isn't partisan. The forever wars have gone on for a generation now, enabled by politicians who have been too afraid to vote on war and peace.

My colleagues are coming to a similar realization. In June, the House voted to repeal the 2001 AUMF in eight months—giving Congress plenty of time to develop a replacement. And last week, the House passed an amendment as part of the annual defense bill that would prevent a war with Iran without congressional authority. As the House and Senate prepare to enter into a conference committee to hash out differences in their respective defense bills, the situation is clear: The House is in favor of repealing the AUMF and installing safeguards against war with Iran, while the Senate prefers to keep the status quo. I urge all members to see to it that AUMF repeal remains a core component of the final bill.

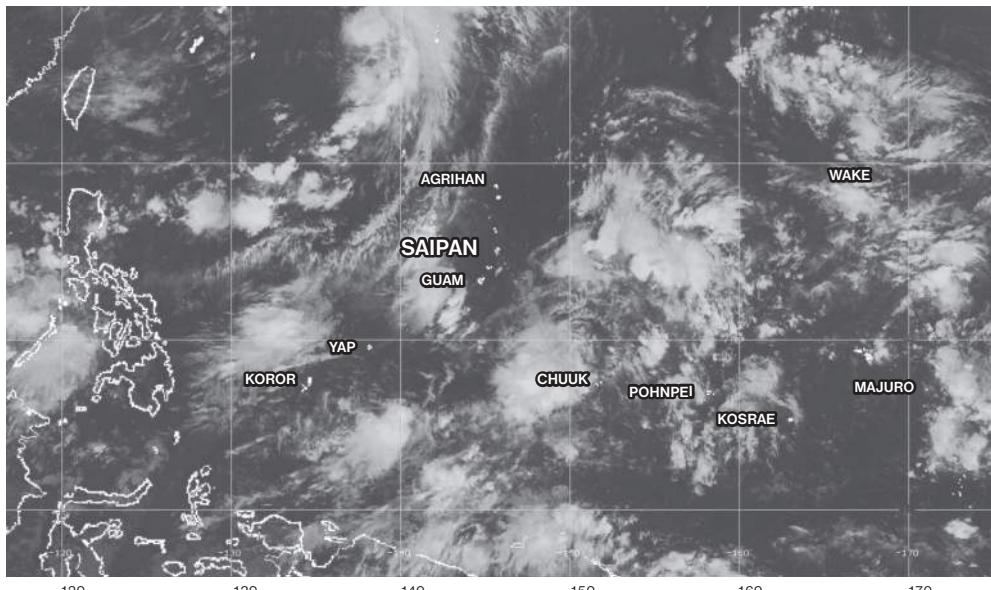
Anything less would fall short of one of our most solemn duties under the Constitution: our duty to declare war.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds becoming northeast around 10 mph in the afternoon.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
89°	78°	89°	78°	89°
78°	89°	78°	90°	78°
90°	78°	90°	78°	90°
78°	89°	78°	90°	78°

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:00 AM, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Andersen Air Force Base Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers within the Marianas waters, with scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the coastal waters. The VAD wind profile indicates east-northeast winds of 7 to 13 knots through the lowest 7 thousand feet of the air. The buoys reveal combined seas of 2 to 4 feet, composed of 2 feet of wind waves and 2 feet of swell, both from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	88°	/	80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Yap	Thunderstorms	88°	/	81°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/	81°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86°	/	81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	59°	/	54°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	99°	/	77°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	88°	/	81°
Honolulu	Showers	87°	/	75°
London	Showers	63°	/	52°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81°	/	64°
Manila	Thunderstorms	93°	/	82°
Melbourne	Sunny	64°	/	54°
Miami	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
New York	Sunny	87°	/	72°
Osaka	Thunderstorms	90°	/	79°
Paris	Rain	68°	/	52°
Busan	Partly Cloudy	73°	/	61°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	91°	/	66°
Salem	Thunderstorms	82°	/	68°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	74°	/	56°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	82°	/	73°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	84°	/	77°
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	81°	/	71°



## NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- \*11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.net](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.net)

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
1:41 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.93
8:54 AM	LOW TIDE	0.63
3:13 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.51
8:23 PM	LOW TIDE	1.11

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:57 AM	6:49 PM
Saturday	5:57 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Tuesday	5:58 AM	6:48 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:26 AM	1:12 PM	-
Saturday	1:07 AM	2:05 PM	-
Sunday	1:53 AM	3:01 PM	-
Monday	2:43 AM	4:00 PM	-
Tuesday	3:39 AM	5:01 PM	-

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 5, 2019

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:15am	10:00am	Daily	UA174	7:30am	8:15am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4	UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	4:00am	7:00am	3	7C3452	10:00pm	3:05am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
7C3451	4:00am	7:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3452	10:05pm	3:05am+1	4
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
7C3403	4:45am	8:35am	2, 3, 5	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	5:00am	8:30am	4	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	1, 2, 4
7C3403	5:00am	8:50am	6	7C3404	10:40pm	4:10am+1	3, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	5:10am	8:55am	1, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	4, 7				
7C3401	4:10pm	8:10pm	1, 2, 3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:50am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:50am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:05pm	1	JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4	JD395	8:50pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:1		

# Business

## Hulst elected to Bank of Hawaii Corp. board of directors

**HONOLULU**—Bank of Hawaii Corp. announced that its board of directors has elected Michelle Hulst to serve on its board of directors, effective July 19, 2019 until the annual election of directors at the bank's next annual shareholders meeting. With the addition of Hulst, Bank of Hawaii Corporation's board of directors increases from 13 to 14. Hulst serves on Bank of Hawaii's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee & Human Resources and the Compensation Committee.

"I'm so pleased to welcome Michelle Hulst to our board of directors," said chairman, president, and CEO Peter S. Ho. "Michelle joins our board with a people-first focus and the skills needed to problem-solve in today's data-driven landscape. Her expertise in marketing and strategic growth, developing strong alliances, and advancing key relationships will

be important as we continue to evolve and innovate our business."

Hulst is currently group vice president of marketing and strategic partnerships at Oracle Data Cloud in San Francisco. She has been with the company for the past four-and-a-half years, and is responsible for developing business and data partnerships.

Hulst worked at Datalogix Inc., from 2006 to 2015, prior to the company being acquired by Oracle. She served as senior vice president of strategic partnerships and business development. Highlights from her nine-year tenure included executing partnerships with Facebook, Twitter and Google, and serving on the executive team during the acquisition of Datalogix to Oracle. Prior to Datalogix, Michelle worked at Entertainment Publications, an operating business of IAC/InterActiveCorp. She held several positions there, including vice president, where she was responsible for strategic direction, execution and general management of a critical new business initiative for the company.

Hulst earned a bachelor's degree in organizational psychology from the University of Michigan and her MBA, with an emphasis in strategy, marketing and entrepreneurship, from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. (*Business Wire*)



**Hulst**

## Kiki's clothing store opens today

By BEA CABRERA  
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CORRESPONDENT

Kiki's is the brainchild of 28-year-old business owner Maki Ta. After leaving the island to pursue college in California, she is back and starting to ground herself by opening a clothing store that caters to women of different shapes and sizes. Their grand opening is today at 11am and the store is located on Middle Road (across J's Restaurant).

"I wanted a store that would make people feel that they have everything they need on island... I feel that opening something like this gives people more choices and options... We carry different kinds of women's clothes from size small to 4X," Ta said.

"I personally don't like online shopping because I want to feel the fabric and I also want to make sure that it looks good on me. When I moved back to Saipan two years ago, I was having trouble finding clothes and I am sure I was not the only one so this store is my answer to that," Ta added.

When you enter the shop, you will immediately see the variety of clothes—pants, denim and cotton shorts, shirts, blouses, dresses, jackets, etc. and according to Ta, Kiki's cater from late teens to women in their 60s.

"We have clothes that go with every mood and event. We also have modest outfits such as long-sleeve blouses so somebody who is 60 years old could find something in our store. I feel like there is no limit," Ta said.

"We have a little bit of everything—I didn't want to focus on just one type of woman because I want every woman to be able to come here and find something no matter what occasion is whether it is clubbing, a day at the beach or office wear. We also have make-up, selection of shoes and purses, accessories, 14 kind of contact lenses, reusable straws, and soon eyelash extensions service," Ta added.

Ta said that her clothes comes from the mainland specifically Los Angeles. "Clothes that we have in the store



Kiki's carries women clothes from small to 4X because owner Maki Ta wants to cater to women in all shapes and sizes.

BEA CABRERA



Kiki's clothing store located along Middle Road opens today.

BEA CABRERA

are of good quality and very affordable. It's rare on island to find clothes that have that combination because and I feel like you have to pick one from another here on island but here at the store, we have both of that."

"I am very hands-on that I person-

ally picked all the clothes we have in the store. Majority of the clothes are cute and something I would also wear... I want our customers to leave the store knowing that they got their money's worth," Ta added.

Born and raised on Saipan, Ta left

the island to pursue her education and fuel her passion for business. Today, she is one of the young generation that are coming back to help improve the island.

"I was just here to visit and I couldn't leave my parents because it is just the two of them here. I feel like even though I came here for vacation, I knew that there was something else," she said.

"Like it wasn't just me not wanting to leave them but I always knew that there was something that I always needed to do which is to open something like this... My parents are business people as well and I really look up to them and because of their encouragement and influence, I knew I wanted to have my own business," said Ta, whose father is businessman Ta Bun Kuy.

Kiki's is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11am to 7pm and Sunday to Monday from 2pm to 6pm. For more inquiries, call (670) 788-0812 and find them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by typing @thisiskikis.

accounting officer

senior at Ernst & Young, LLP.



**Ignacio**

She earned her bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and marketing from Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas. Ignacio is licensed as a CPA by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy and holds SHRM-SCP certification from the Society for Human Resource Management as well as CPP designation from the American Payroll Association. (*Business Wire*)

## Bank of Hawaii promotes Ignacio to SVP, controller, principal accounting operations manager

**HONOLULU**—Andrea Wilson Ignacio has been promoted to senior vice president & controller and principal accounting officer in the Controllers Department from vice president in the Accounting Department. She will supervise the bank's financial accounting and reporting, regulatory reporting, corporate taxation and Sarbanes-Oxley requirements.

Ignacio joined Bank of Hawaii in 2017 as vice president & finance and

accounting operations manager in the Accounting Department, where she provided oversight for the bank's accounting groups and general ledger reconciliation processes.

Ignacio has over 20 years of experience in accounting and human resources. Prior to the bank, Ignacio spent 11 years at Hawaiian Airlines, which included three years serving as a consultant before being appointed director of revenue accounting. Most

recently, she served as the senior director of its Payroll & HR Administration Department. Ignacio also served in leadership positions at several companies in

Texas, including controller and manager of financial planning at Convio, Inc., controller at NewsStand Inc., controller at eLaw.com, and as audit

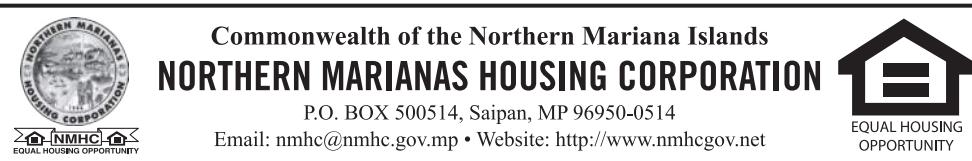


### LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
27,269.97	3,019.56	8,321.50
-79.22	+14.09	+70.10
[-0.29%]	[+0.49%]	[+0.85%]

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Hong Kong Dollar	7.8150	Russian Ruble	63.2449	
Australian Dollar	1.4352	Indian Rupee	68.3101	Singapore Dollar	1.3645
British Pound	0.8015	Japanese Yen	108.0460	South Korean Won	1,161.45
Canadian Dollar	1.3125	Malaysian Ringgit	4.0725	Swiss Franc	0.9849
Chinese Yuan	6.7533	New Zealand Dollar	1.4934	Taiwan Dollar	30.5535
Euro	0.8979	Philippine Peso	50.1262	Thailand Baht	30.8435



## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Beverly T. Dela Cruz (Ana Tydingco)** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about January 31, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 8, 1994 under Document No. 94-377 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 016 K 13, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 916 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 016 K 01, DATED APRIL 7, 1988, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 88-1096, DATED APRIL 8, 1988, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on August 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Forty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 16/100 (\$43,980.16)**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

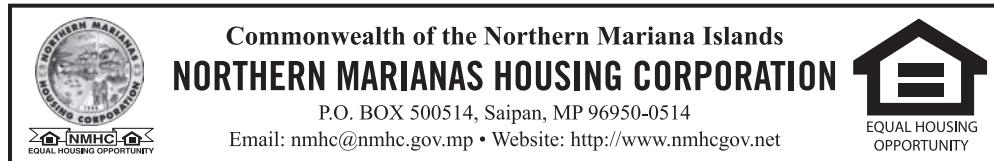
Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Aubry M. Hocog, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director



## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Donovan San Nicolas Borja** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 6, 2006, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on September 12, 2006 under Document No. 06-2244 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 107 T 167, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 898 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 107 T 03, DATED JANUARY 14, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-491, DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on August 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Seven and 79/100 (\$115,387.79)**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

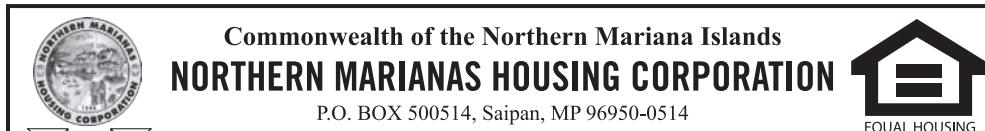
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/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director



## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Juan K. Taitano (Victoria K. Taitano/Jose L. Taitano)** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 23, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 23, 1985 under Document No. 85-2139 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 006 H 07, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 599 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 006 H 00, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 697, ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 1971.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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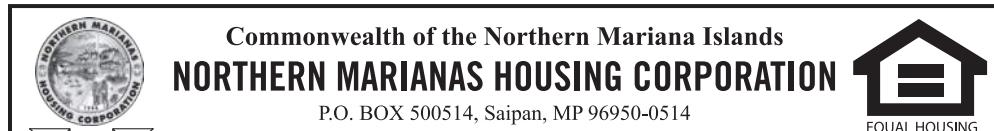
Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Aubry M. Hocog, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director



## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Mary N. Taitano (Henry R. Taitano/Beatrice P. Villafuerte)** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about January 4, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 10, 1985 under Document No. 85-0078 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 005 I 134, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,037 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 005 I 02, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NO. 16707 ON MARCH 11, 1983, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on August 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **Ninety-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 61/100 (\$95,115.61)**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Aubry M. Hocog, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
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## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Newly A. Agluto and Maria Rosa A. Agluto** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 14, 2006, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 17, 2006, under Document No. 06-377 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 011 G 309, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 784 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 011 G 06 DATED DECEMBER 1, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on August 22, 2017. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Aubry M. Hocog, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), hereby gives notice to the public that it will make the following described real properties available for Lease with the Option to Purchase upon satisfaction of the total ground lease amount.

LOT NO.	LOCATION	TOTAL GROUND LEASE AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	TERM	MONTHLY RENTAL PAYMENT
107 T 139	CAROLINAS HEIGHTS	\$35,000.00	6.00%	30	\$ 209.84
008 T 239	MARPO HEIGHTS	\$73,000.00	6.00%	30	\$ 437.67
008 T 114	MARPO HEIGHTS	\$79,000.00	6.00%	30	\$ 473.64

The selection of lessee(s) will be through a lottery pick for each of the three properties and will be open to the general public. It will be held at the NMHC's Field Office in San Jose, Tinian, at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, August 2, 2019**, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Lease Amount.** The minimum acceptable lease for each property shall be as indicated above.
2. **Reserve.** The raffle shall be held with reserve.
3. **Rights and Duties of NMHC.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing the disposition of foreclosed properties with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the lottery of each of the property:
  - a. To withdraw any property listed in this announcement before the lottery or before a lease proposal for such property is accepted.
  - b. To adjourn the lottery without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
  - c. To reject any and all lease proposals.
4. **Lease Proposal.** Lease proposal for any of the three properties shall not be less than as stated above.
5. **Change of Terms.** NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of this lease proposal by announcement, written or oral, made before the lottery or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any lessee by constructive notice.
6. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Prospective lessees are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the properties are being leased out "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any prospective lessee.
7. **Lease with Option to Purchase.** NMHC gives notice to the following terms and conditions:
  - a. The Lease Price shall not be less than the above-listed price.
  - b. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
  - c. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments and shall apply as installments towards the purchase and eventual ownership interest in the property.
  - d. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
  - e. The lease agreement shall include the following additional conditions:
    - i. Lessee to insure property and improvements during the Lease term.
    - ii. Lessee shall be responsible for any and all necessary repairs, maintenance, all utilities and other charges associated with the property.
    - iii. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
    - iv. Failure to make a monthly payment may be grounds for termination and eviction.
  - f. **Option to Purchase Provision.** At any time during the thirty (30) year term of the Lease, upon and subject to full payment by Lessee to NMHC, the Lessor, of the balance of the full rental payment, plus any interest accrued thereon, Lessee shall have the option to purchase the property for the price of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This option to purchase is expressly conditioned on the lease not being in default or declared in default by Lessor prior to the exercising of such option. Any default or declaration of default shall void and nullify Lessee's option right unless Lessor agrees in writing to waive the default.

Dated this 27th day of June, 2019.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios,  
Corporate Director

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## NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER OF SALE IN DEED OF TRUST

**Vera Lynn O. Manglona** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2162 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 330 R 322, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 838 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 08, DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1996 COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 92-746, DATED APRIL 02, 1997, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

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Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Aubry M. Hocog, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.** All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than **Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.

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**Ana C. Muna** (collectively "Trustor"), on or about March 13, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on March 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-731 & 98-737 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

**LOT NO. 002 G 185, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 945 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 002 G 05 DATED MAY 31, 1989, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 90-1902, DATED MAY 14, 1990, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.**

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Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director

# Nation

## Puerto Rico's governor to quit Aug. 2 in face of protests

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** (AP)—Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló announced late Wednesday that he will resign Aug. 2, conceding power after nearly two weeks of furious protests and political upheaval touched off by a leak of crude and insulting chat messages between him and his top advisers.

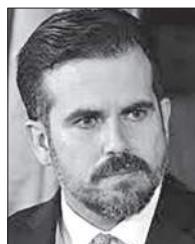
A crowd of thousands outside the governor's mansion in Old San Juan erupted into

cheers and singing after Rosselló's announcement on Facebook just before midnight.

"My only priority has been the transformation of our island and the well-being of our people," a shaken-looking Rosselló said in an address that listed his accomplishments before making clear he was resigning. Addressing the protests, Rosselló said, "The demands have been overwhelming and I've re-

ceived them with highest degree of humility."

The 40-year-old son of a former governor, Rosselló became the first chief executive to resign in the modern history of Puerto Rico, a U.S. territory of more than 3 million



Rosselló

full representation in Congress or the right to vote for president.

Justice Secretary Wanda Vázquez will assume the post less than halfway through Rosselló's four-year term, becoming Puerto Rico's second

female governor.

"It's historic, but we have to be cautious. What will happen

beyond this? There are concerns, but there is also hope," designer Jalil Serrano said. Gesturing to the young crowd outside the mansion, he said, "This belongs to them."

Daniel López, a businessman also in the protest, wiped tears from his eyes as people leaped into the air, beat drums, waved flags, hugged and cried, "We did it!"

"This is for the future of my family," López said. "It's big, what's happened."

Rosselló's announcement came after a bizarre, hours-long standoff unfolded in colonial Old San Juan, as the governor pledged to deliver a message to the people of Puerto Rico, then passed hour after hour in unexplained silence while thousands of protesters chanted demands for his resignation.

An announcement was first expected at 5 p.m., then finally came less than a half-hour be-

fore midnight.

"Despite expecting to serve the term that the people democratically elected me to, today I feel that continuing in this position represents a threat to the success we have achieved," Rosselló said.

Puerto Rico Rep. Gabriel Rodríguez, a member of Rosselló's pro-statehood party, told The Associated Press that legislators had initially agreed to set aside the impeachment process and give the governor

until 5 p.m. to announce that he was going to resign. The president of Puerto Rico's House of Representatives issued the embattled governor an ultimatum: Either take the best decision for a U.S. territory demanding his resignation or face an impeachment process.

At one point, dozens of officers in full riot gear marched out of the governor's mansion toward protesters.



### AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room located on the 2nd Floor of the Commission's main office at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

#### I. PRELIMINARIES:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes: June 27, 2019

#### II. REPORTS:

- A. Report by the Chairman
- B. Report by the Executive Director

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- A. Casino Licensee (IPI) Updates:
  - 1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel
  - 2. IPI Personnel – Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan
  - 3. Responsible Gaming Program
  - 4. Compliance Committee
  - 5. Other IPI Matters
- B. Other Miscellaneous Matters

#### V. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on House Bill No. 21-11
- B. Civil Action No. 19-0202-CV
- C. Other Old Business Matters

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. House Local Bill No. 21-23
- B. Approval for Regular Casino Key Employee (CKE) License RENEWAL (2-years):
  - \* Mr. Yu, Chi Fai ("Chester") – Director of Credit and Collections. Current CKE License expires on 09/3/19
- C. Approval for Regular Casino Key Employee (CKE) License NEW (2-years):
  - \* Mr. Ngo, Chee Keong ("Michael") – Senior Vice President of Information Technology. Current Provisional CKE License expires on 08/22/19
- D. Approval for Regular Casino Vendor License – Non-Gaming (3-years):
  - \* American Sinopan LLC. Construction Labor Supplier. Provisional License expires on 09/30/19
- E. Request to Withdraw Application:
  - \* Letter from David Rillera, dated July 23, 2019. DR Safety & Environmental Consultant. Provisional License expires on 08/06/19
- F. Other New Business

#### VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. IPI Financial Matters
- B. Report by the Legal Counsel

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission reserves the right to amend this agenda and take action on the amended agenda pursuant to 1 CMC §9910(b). Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more, if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan  
Chairman

### COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT SERVICES

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CPA-RFP-010-19

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposal for auditing services for a period of three (3) fiscal years. The location and scope of work package is available beginning July 19, 2019 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

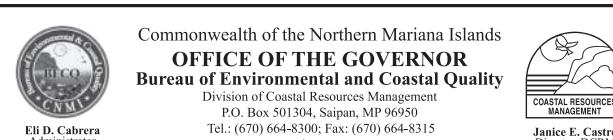
Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 16, 2019, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

#### FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### XINGSHA HOTEL PERMIT APPLICATION NO. TMS-2019-X-020

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed construction and operation of the Xingsha Hotel project.

The Tinian Hairui Real Estate Co., LLC is proposing to construct and operate the Xingsha Hotel along 8th Avenue and Kammer Beach, on Lot No. 040 T 06, in San Jose, Tinian. The proposed hotel consists of three 3-story building complex with a total of 138 unit guest rooms, 112 parking spaces, a storage area, control room, lobby and reception area, snack bar, and kitchen and dining areas with seating capacity of about 24 persons.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 5PM, at the Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, P.O. Box 501304, or sent by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Xingsha Hotel project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

*This ad is paid for by NMHC funds.*

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is the designated Public Housing Authority (PHA) authorized to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program in the CNMI. Federal guidelines provide that the CNMI prepare a PHA Five Year Plan for the upcoming five years. NMHC has completed the draft PHA Five Year Plan and would like to inform the general public that:

1. NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public for the Five Year PHA Plan on July 27, 2019, 3:00 p.m., at NMHC's Conference Room located at the main office in Garapan, Saipan; and

2. NMHC will open the public comment period from June 17, 2019 through July 31, 2019; written comments must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on July 31, 2019 to:

- Northern Marianas Housing Corporation  
Attn: PHA Five Year Plan  
P.O. Box 500514  
Saipan, MP 96950

Any interested persons wishing to express their views on the draft Five year PHA Plan may do so by either attending the public hearing or by submitting written comments to NMHC. Copies of the draft Five year PHA Plan are available for viewing on our website at [www.nmhgov.net](http://www.nmhgov.net) and during normal business hours at the NMHC Main Office in Saipan, as well as the field offices on Tinian and Rota.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS  
Corporate Director

NMHC will make necessary arrangements for persons with disabilities or persons requiring interpreters upon prior notification. Should you require such arrangement, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna at telephone numbers 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

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# Asia

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### US warship sails through Taiwan strait amid China tensions

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan says the U.S. Navy is free to sail through its strait after an American warship did so shortly following warnings from Beijing against foreign interference in its relationship with the island. Taiwan's Defense Ministry said Thursday the warship sailed northward through the Taiwan Strait. It said joint intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance task force was monitoring surrounding waters from start to finish and nothing "unusual" took place. Commander Clay Doss, a spokesman for the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet, said the "USS Antietam conducted a routine Taiwan Strait transit" Wednesday to Thursday "in accordance with international law." China on Wednesday warned that it could use force against anyone who intervenes in its efforts to reunify Taiwan, a democratically-governed island which China considers its territory.

### Japan to pursue SKorea trade curbs, citing lax trade control

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's trade minister said Wednesday he will go ahead with a plan to strip South Korea of its preferred status in export licensing, saying Seoul has failed to provide a convincing explanation to address Japan's doubts that South Korean export control is strict enough to catch sensitive materials potentially converted to weapons. Japan on July 4 began requiring Japanese companies to require case-by-case export approvals for South Korea on three materials to make semiconductors and displays used in smartphones and other high-tech devices. Similar procedures may apply to other products when South Korea loses its "white" nation status. Senior lawmakers from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party have suggested that some South Korean shipment may be reaching the North. Trade Minister Hiroshige Seko said Wednesday he will steadily pursue removal of South Korea's preferred status as planned.

### Japan utility to scrap 4 more reactors in Fukushima

TOKYO (AP)—The operator of the nuclear plant wrecked by a 2011 earthquake and tsunami said Wednesday that it will decommission four more reactors in northeastern Japan in addition to those already being scrapped. Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings said a final decision on dismantling the four reactors

at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant will be formally approved at a board meeting, expected later this month. Nearby Fukushima Dai-ichi had meltdowns in three reactors and structural damage in a fourth during the disaster. All six reactors, including four that are currently being decommissioned, will be dismantled in a process that will take decades. TEPCO President Tomoaki Kobayakawa told Fukushima Gov. Masao Uchibori that it will take about 40 years to finish decommissioning all four reactors at Fukushima Dai-ichi. Kobayakawa told the governor that the company also plans to build a new facility at the Dai-ichi complex to move spent fuel from cooling pools to dry casks—a safer long-term storage option recommended by experts. The plan means all 10 of TEPCO's reactors in Fukushima will be dismantled. Kobayakawa, however, said the additional decommissioning won't affect the ongoing work at Fukushima Dai-ichi, which is already a challenge.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF AMERICAN MEIYA (CNMI) LLC

Notice is hereby given that American Meiya (CNMI) LLC., a corporation established and operating in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will cease operation effective immediately.

Pursuant thereto, all creditors and persons with claims against the corporation are hereby notified to present their respective claim in writing to the corporation at the address set forth below.

AMERICAN MEIYA (CNMI) LLC  
PMB 728 P.O. BOX 10003

All claims not filed within the time required by law will forever be barred.

Chen Yan Bin  
Manager

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GREEN GARDEN (CNMI) LLC

Notice is hereby given that Green Garden (CNMI) LLC., a corporation established and operating in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will cease operation effective immediately.

Pursuant thereto, all creditors and persons with claims against the corporation are hereby notified to present their respective claim in writing to the corporation at the address set forth below.

GREEN GARDEN (CNMI) LLC  
PMB 771 P.O. BOX 10003

All claims not filed within the time required by law will forever be barred.

Pan Guo Hua  
Manager

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Solicitation for Bids for Generator Overhaul on Managaha Island

Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc. ("Tasi") operates a tourism concession on Managaha Island under a contract with the CNMI Department of Public Lands. Under this contract, Tasi maintains generators to provide power on Managaha. Tasi is soliciting formal bids for the overhaul of one of these generators, a Denyo, DCA-150SPK generator, 1997 model, which has over 12,000 running hours on it since its last overhaul in April, 2012. The award is contingent upon approval by the Department of Public Lands.

Bid packages are available now. If desired, boat transportation to Managaha to view the generator may be arranged by calling David L. Igital at Tasi at (670) 235-9373. Such arrangements must be made by no later than July 26, 2019.

### Landslides in southwest China kill 14; 42 missing

BEIJING (AP)—At least 14 people have died in two landslides in southwestern China and rescuers are looking for 42 others who are missing, Chinese state media reported Wednesday. A landslide on Tuesday night buried 21 houses and caused at least 13 deaths in Guizhou province's Shuicheng county, said state broadcaster CCTV. Eleven people were rescued and sent to the hospital while another 42 remained missing. Heavy rainfall is believed to be the main cause, CCTV said. More than 800 rescuers have been scouring the area, where continuous rainfall and the mountain's steep slopes have hampered search efforts. One person died and six others are unaccounted for after an earlier landslide hit a village in Hezhang county in Guizhou on Tuesday afternoon. The landslide happened at a highway construction site, the Xinhua state news agency reported.

### Lightning storm kills 39 in eastern India

PATNA, India (AP)—Lightning has killed at least 39 people during thunderstorms and heavy rains lashing eastern India where thousands of people are stranded on high ground, an official said Wednesday. Disaster Management official Amod Kumar Sharai said the deaths occurred on Tuesday, raising the overall death toll in Bihar state to 123 from lightning and flooding since the monsoon season started in June. As rain stopped in some areas on Wednesday, helicopters dropped food packets for the villagers. Last Sunday, 33 people were killed by lightning in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. They were mostly farmers working in fields. Millions of people

have been hit by floods, their homes and crops devastated by surging waters in the worst-hit Bihar and Assam states. The flood situation in northeastern Assam state continued to be grim on Wednesday with the toll mounting to 74 since early this month, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

### 4 dead in southern Thailand attack on military outpost

HAT YAI, Thailand (AP)—Four people were killed in an attack on a military outpost in southern Thailand, where Muslim rebels are active, Thai police said. An unknown number of assailants carried out the attack Tuesday night using firearms and explosives, triggering a gunfight that left four dead

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## JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-070

Opening Date: Friday, July 26, 2019  
Closing Date: Until Filled

### Resident Manager (Rota)

**Duties:** Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee. Discusses problem areas with the Executive Director affecting the operation and maintenance of the CUC Rota Branch Office and operations and recommends the same improvements. Makes recommendations for organization and staffing. Evaluates the performance of the division managers and supervisors, and takes corrective action as necessary to ensure good morale, discipline and productivity. Keeps control over the numerous details involved in such a divers operation. Recognizes priorities, ensures timely, effective and efficient accomplishments of the CUC goals and objectives. Protects and guards against misuse of waste materials, manpower and equipment. Reviews purchase requisitions for conformity, standardization and completeness. Reviews work schedules submitted by the division managers and supervisor and ensures availability of manpower, materials and equipment to effectively accomplish the assigned projects in a timely manner. Conducts site tour inspection of CUC owned and operated facilities to ensure its operating capabilities and effectiveness. Discusses problems, if any, with the division managers and supervisors and expedites corrective actions. Conducts meetings with the division managers, supervisors and employees and informs them of CUC policies, rules, regulations, etc. Emphasizes "safety" on proper usage of power tools and various equipment. Independently manages the CUC Branch Office and all division of utility operation while keeping the Executive Director fully informed regarding any unusual circumstances. Conducts both scheduled and impromptu meetings with division managers, supervisors and employees regarding all CUC matters including personnel assignments, work schedules, disciplinary actions, equipment conditions, maintenance and operation delays, work safety, procurement, public relations, utility systems management, meter reading, material and spare parts inventory and control, revenue collection and control, time keeping and control, expenditures and control, monthly reporting to central office, and all other related facilities maintenance, operations concerns, and administrative matters. Reviews all written correspondence, facsimiles, maintenance records, monthly reports, deficiency reports, equipment and operations logbooks, and maintenance schedules for correctness and nature of intent. Ensures that CUC Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations govern all CUC business and that Customer Services provides equal and impartial treatment to all customers based on these standards. Ensures that annual personnel performance evaluations are promptly performed upon respective anniversaries and that they are fairly evaluated while primarily based on the employee's actual performance. Endeavors to reduce and eliminate misuse and waste of CUC property and materials. Where such abuse is found to be extreme, incumbent shall promptly report such findings to the Executive Director. Makes frequent field inspections of all utility systems and operations to ensure the stability of services to the community. During such inspections, incumbent shall review systems operations and maintenance logs for contemporary entries respective to actual equipment operating conditions and the relative time. Discusses any infraction, system fault, damages and/or failures with the respective division manager and expedites corrective action. Ensures that all hazardous materials are properly stored, used, and shipped according to applicable government regulations. Makes recommendations for organization and staffing. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**LOCATION(S):** CUC, ROTA, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

**SALARY:** \$56,439.00 to \$75,959.00 per annum,

Exempt (Compensurate with qualification and experience)

**POSITION(S):** One (1)

**CONTRACT:** Two (2) years, subject to renewal

**Minimum Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree in a directly related field and 5 years of professional experience in the assigned field including 2 years of leadership experience. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Managerial principles, practices and techniques; Principles, practices, methods and techniques of assigned operational area or function; Budgeting principles; Contract administration principles; Customer service principles; Modern office equipment; Modern office technology. Skills in: Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Managing, monitoring, training and evaluating staff; Prioritizing, coordinating, allocating resources and assigning work; Planning, organizing and implementing programs and services; Establishing goals, objectives and standards; Recommending, developing and implementing policies and procedures; Providing technical review, expertise and oversight related to assigned area; Monitoring and implementing quality, compliance and/or safety procedures and processes; Preparing contract documents; Providing contract administration; Researching and analyzing information; Resolving problems and conflict; Developing budget and monitoring compliance; Preparing reports, presentations and other related materials; Delivering presentations and training; Overseeing customer service delivery; Serving as a liaison and technical representative of assigned area; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

You may submit your CUC Employment Application and/or resume at the Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota can drop it off at the Tinian and Rota Administration office. Application and resume can also be e-mailed to: [employment.applications@cucgov.org](mailto:employment.applications@cucgov.org)

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# World

## Father: Canadian manhunt will end in son's death

TORONTO (AP)—The father of one of the suspects in the slaying of an American woman, her Australian boyfriend and another man said Wednesday he expects a nationwide manhunt to end in the death of his son, who is on "a suicide mission."

The grim prediction came as Canadian police said they were setting up roadblocks around the remote Manitoba town of Gillam, where two young suspects, 19-year-old Kam McLeod and 18-year-old Bryer Schmegelsky, recently left a burned-out vehicle they had been traveling in.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Cpl. Julie Courchaine said police "are coming from all over" to Gillam, which is more than 2,000 miles away from a region in northern British Columbia where another burned vehicle was found Friday and where the three people were apparently killed.

The victims have been identified as American Chynna Deese, 24, Australian Lucas Fowler, 23, and Leonard Dyck, 64, of Vancouver. Police released Dyck's name late Wednesday and announced that McLeod and Schmegelsky have been charged with second-degree murder in his death.

McLeod and Schmegelsky themselves were originally considered missing persons and only became suspects in the case Tuesday. Officers across the country were searching for the young men.

Schmegelsky's father, Alan Schmegelsky, said Wednesday that his son had a troubled



upbringing and is in "very serious pain." His son struggled through his parents' acrimonious split in 2005 and his main influences became video games and YouTube, the father said.

"A normal child doesn't travel across the country killing people. A child in some very serious pain does," Alan Schmegelsky told Canadian Press. He said he expects his son will die in a confrontation with police.

"He's on a suicide mission. He wants his pain to end,"

the father said, breaking into tears. "Basically, he's going to be dead today or tomorrow. I know that. Rest in peace, Bryer. I love you. I'm so sorry all this had to happen."

Even if his son is caught, his life will be over, he said. "He wants his hurt to end. They're going to go out in a blaze of glory. Trust me on this."

The father said he and his wife separated when their son was 5. She moved with the boy to the small Vancouver Island community of Port Alberni, where he met McLeod. They

attended the same elementary school and quickly became inseparable best friends.

They were "everyday, good kids" who didn't get into trouble, but his son had problems

Security camera images of Kam McLeod, 19, and Bryer Schmegelsky, 18, are displayed during a news conference in Surrey, British Columbia, Tuesday, July 23, 2019. AP

at home and, at 16, briefly moved to Victoria to live with him, Alan Schmegelsky said. The boy then returned to Port Alberni to live with his grandmother.

His son doesn't own any firearms and doesn't know how to drive, Alan Schmegelsky said. He worked at the Port Alberni Walmart after graduating from high school earlier this year, but was disappointed with the job and told his dad he was setting off to Alberta with McLeod to look for work.

The father recalled that his son bought a nice black suit with his second paycheck from Walmart.

"Now I realize it's his funeral suit," he said.

In Port Alberni, signs with "No Trespassing" were staked outside McLeod's large waterfront family home. His father, Keith McLeod, released a written statement.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Libya says 38 migrants taken to bombed detention center

CAIRO (AP)—Libya's coast guard said Wednesday it intercepted around three dozen Europe-bound migrants off its Mediterranean coast and took them to a detention center that was bombed earlier this month. Spokesman Ayoub Gassim said a rubber boat carrying 38 migrants, mostly Egyptians, was stopped on Tuesday off the coast some 65 kilometers, or 40 miles, east of the capital, Tripoli. He said the migrants were transferred to the Tajoura detention center. The United Nations expressed deep concern Wednesday that the new migrants were taken to Tajoura, where the U.N. refugee agency says over 200 refugees and migrants are thought to be detained. It is near the front lines of the latest fighting near Tripoli between rival Libyan factions. U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said the Tajoura detention center had been fully evacuated as of July 10, following a July 2 airstrike that killed at least 53 refugees and migrants and injured at least 130 others. "The humanitarian community calls on the Libyan authorities to fulfil their pledge to close the Tajoura detention

center immediately," he said.

#### Former Kosovo PM refuses to answer court's questions

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Kosovo's former prime minister refused to answer questions put to him Wednesday by prosecutors at a court investigating alleged war crimes by separatist fighters from the Kosovo Liberation Army two decades ago. Ramush Haradinaj said he had fulfilled his obligation to the court by attending the meeting and does not expect to be indicted. "I came today as a suspect, in order to commit my legal obligation based on an invitation from the Specialist Prosecutor's Office of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers," he said. "I followed my legal counsel's advice not to respond to the questions." He said prosecutors asked him in general terms about his role in the KLA and other issues, "but nothing concrete." The court, which is part of the Kosovo judicial system, is declining comment on the questioning of Haradinaj as it is part of an ongoing investigation. It was a brief return to The Hague for Haradinaj, who was twice acquitted of charges linked to Kosovo's fight for independence by a United Nations war crimes

tribunal in the Dutch city. Haradinaj resigned as prime minister a week ago ahead of his questioning at the court, which is looking into crimes against ethnic Serbs allegedly committed during and after Kosovo's 1998-99 war.

#### Czech senators say president violated country's constitution

PRAGUE (AP)—The upper house of the Czech Parliament has voted to bring charges against President Milos Zeman for allegedly violating the constitution. The Senate, which is controlled by the opposition, voted 48-20 Wednesday to file the charges at the Constitutional Court. Zeman denies wrongdoing. But a three-fifths majority in Parliament's lower house would also have to approve the Senate's request for the court to deal with the case. That's unlikely to happen because the house is dominated by Prime Minister Andrej Babis' ANO (YES) centrist movement, Zeman's ally. The Senators charged Zeman with failing to act in line with the constitution in eight cases, including a repeated failure to appoint proposed government ministers. If the court agrees with the charges, Zeman would lose the presidency, a largely ceremonial job.

## Deaths as bomber detonates in Mogadishu mayor's office

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—A suicide bomber walked into the office of Mogadishu's mayor and detonated explosives strapped to his waist, killing six people and badly wounding the mayor minutes after a visit from the new United Nations envoy, Somali officials said Wednesday.

The attack claimed by the al-Shabab extremist group occurred after the envoy to Somalia, James Swan, paid the mayor a "courtesy call" and left the compound, an official at the mayor's office told The Associated Press. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The U.N. mission in Somalia in a tweet before the bombing posted photos of the smiling mayor and envoy, saying Swan had received an overview of the "challenges" in the region.

The mayor, Abdirahman Omar Osman, and his deputy

were rushed to a hospital with critical wounds, police Capt. Mohamed Hussein said.

Somalia's information minister Mohamed Abdi Hayir said six officials were killed and six others were wounded. He told reporters the mayor was being treated and gave no further details. He also confirmed an investigation was underway.

A Somali intelligence official said the officials killed included two district commissioners, two local government directors and a senior adviser to the mayor. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres strongly condemned "the deadly terrorist attacks" and reiterated the U.N.'s commitment "to supporting the people of Somalia in the pursuit of peace, stability and development," U.N. deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said.

It was not clear how the bomber managed to enter the mayor's office during a security meeting. Some security officials said the attacker might have coordinated with corrupt officials, offering them bribes for access.

The al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab often targets government buildings such as the presidential palace and other high-profile parts of Mogadishu with bombings.

The security officials said Wednesday's attack appeared to be a shift in tactics, as the extremists in the past had rarely managed to infiltrate heavily fortified government buildings without first detonating one or more vehicle bombs.

The Somalia-based al-Shabab was chased out of Mogadishu years ago but still controls parts of the Horn of Africa nation's south and central regions and is a frequent target of U.S. airstrikes.

# Off The Wall

## Utah boy sells 'Ice Cold Beer' at root beer stand

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Utah boy has earned widespread social media attention for his neighborhood soda stand thanks to a sign he holds that reads, "Ice Cold Beer" with "root" above the word beer in tiny print.

Several residents in the northern Utah city called police earlier this week concerned about a young boy selling alcohol in front of a church, said Brigham City Police Lt. Tony Ferderber on Thursday.

Officers that went to check it out realized that it was just a clever marketing ploy and posted pictures of 11-year-old Seth Parker on Facebook with the comment, "a twist on a lemonade stand."

Sen. Mitt Romney, of Utah, tweeted a picture of Seth with the comment, "A lesson in reading the fine print! The future is bright for this young Utah entrepreneur."

Seth's mother Alexis Parker said Thursday that the family is dumbfounded and excited by all the attention. She estimated that some 60 people a day come to the stand.



In this Tuesday, July 16, 2019 photo provided by the Brigham City Police Department, Seth Parker stands at his soda stand in Brigham City, Utah.

Seth started the stand because his parents urged him to get out more after they noticed he had struggled to make new friends since the family moved from Georgia last year, Alexis Parker said.

Seth thought about a yard sale or lemonade stand but settled on selling the soda because he is a root beer "fanatic," she said. He chose the

sign with the tiny print as a little "wise crack."

The first day brought some scoffs and scowls, especially for people without good vision, she said.

But people soon caught on to the joke.

"We're loving people stopping by and just having a good laugh," said Alexis Parker. "It is a joy all the way around."

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Great white shark leaps from water to snatch fish off line

ORLEANS, Mass. (AP)—A family fishing in Cape Cod Bay had an up close and personal encounter with a great white shark that leaped out of the water to snatch a fish they had caught right off the line. Doug Nelson, of Franklin, who caught the leaping shark on video on Saturday, told New England Cable News it "gave us a pretty good scare." His son Jack can be seen on the video jumping back as the shark breaches the water's surface. The Atlantic White Shark Conservancy confirmed it was a great white, as did Marc Costa, captain of the Orleans-based Columbia Sportfishing vessel.

#### Police wait downstream for suspect trying to swim to freedom

LAKE LURE, N.C. (AP)—A wanted Tiki bar cook tried to flee authorities by swimming away in a North Carolina river, but was caught by officers waiting downstream. A Lake Lure Police statement says 38-year-old Jesse Lee Boyd was wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service on warrants accusing him of forgery or

counterfeiting in Iowa. Investigators said they made a plan over the weekend to arrest him at the management office of the Geneva Riverside Tiki Bar. But they say Boyd was warned as he walked to the office and fled on foot before dashing into the Rocky Broad River. Officers positioned themselves downstream along the banks, and Boyd eventually gave himself up.

#### State fair remembers moon landing with butter astronauts

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—The moon may be made of cheese, but these astronauts are made of butter. The Ohio State Fair is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing with life-size butter sculptures of Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts. Gov. Mike DeWine opened the 166th edition of the fair Wednesday morning with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Afterward, the Republican governor toured the fairgrounds and stopped by this year's annual butter display. The display features a life-size sculpture of Wapakoneta native Armstrong saluting the American flag after planting it on the moon's surface as he stands beside a

lunar module. The display also includes the Apollo 11 emblem and life-size sculptures of Armstrong and fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins sitting beside the traditional butter cow and calf.

#### Watermelons to replace piglets in California fair event

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—Watermelons are set to replace piglets in an annual event celebrating agriculture at a California fair. The Press Democrat reported Saturday that the Sonoma County Fair has eliminated the pig scramble from Farmers Day due to rising public concern and protests over animal welfare. In the long-running event at the fair in Santa Rosa, youngsters chased and tried to capture piglets weighing 40 to 60 pounds (18 to 27 kilograms). Officials say this year's event Aug. 4 will instead include elementary school children carrying watermelons slicked with vegetable oil around an obstacle course in a timed race. The board president says the decision reflects a "heightened awareness" toward calls for humane treatment of farm animals at the fair 55 miles (89 kilometers) north of San Francisco.

# Science & Technology

## Science Matters

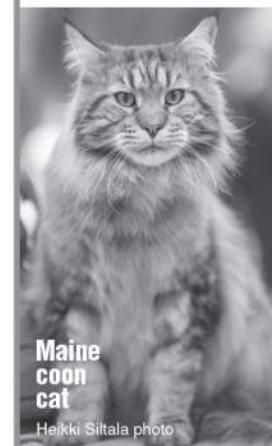
### Cats tend to inherit their behavior

*A cat's behavior is highly affected by how the cat's parents – and others of its breed – behave, new Finnish research found.*

#### The survey

Owners of 5,726 cats of 40 breeds filled out a health and behavior questionnaire

A further study aims at collecting data on 20,000+ cats



Source: Milla Salonen and Hannes Lohi, University of Helsinki; Nature Scientific Reports; TNS Photos Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Russian blue cats were most likely to be shy towards strangers; Burmese were the least shy

Turkish van/Angora cats were the most aggressive toward family members, strangers and other cats; British shorthairs, Persians and Cornish rex cats were the least aggressive

Cornish rex, Korat, and Bengals were the most active; British shorthairs were the least active

Oriental (Siamese, Burmese and Korat), Norwegian forest cats, Turkish vans, Maine coons and house cats were most inclined to stereotyped behavior (wool sucking, excessive self-grooming); Russian blues were the least inclined to do so



#### Strength of inheritance

Statistical analysis found that inherited factors explained 40% to 50% of variation in behavior traits

Regardless of breed differences, all breeds inherit behavior at about the same rate

## TECH Q&A Why Outlook blocks some legitimate e-mail

**Q: My Outlook e-mail program has begun blocking newsletters from National Geographic that I suppose some people might consider controversial (the history of the LGBTQ civil rights movement, for example.) When I click the e-mail to read more or to see more photos, I'm sometimes told that content is blocked. Why is this happening?**

**A:** Outlook isn't designed to block specific content. But, for computer security reasons, it will block some e-mail images and Web links.

That happens because Outlook sometimes considers an e-mail to be suspicious, even though there's not enough evidence to classify it as harmful. An e-mail may be considered suspicious if it comes from a sender that Outlook doesn't recognize and has some of the characteristics of a harmful e-mail. (Harmful e-mails typically contain malicious software or engage in "phishing," which means the sender tries to trick you into disclosing personal information.) Outlook sends these suspi-

cious e-mails to your inbox, but disables any online links they contain.

Why would National Geographic newsletters be considered suspicious? Because they are mass-mailed to thousands of people, just as harmful e-mail is. And Outlook doesn't understand that you trust National Geographic to send you safe e-mails.

Here's how this type of Outlook e-mail blocking works, and how you can turn it off:

Photos: E-mailed newsletters typically contain HTML (hypertext markup language) photos that are in fact links to the original photo on someone's website. If you click on one of these linked photos, you will be taken somewhere on the internet. Outlook con-



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siders this suspicious and blocks the linked photos from appearing in an e-mail.

What to do about it: To turn off automatic blocking of linked photos, change Outlook's "automatic download" settings, add the sender's e-mail address to your address book and add the sender's "domain name" (nationalgeographic.com) to Outlook's "safe sender list." (See [tinyurl.com/y6er5ptf](http://tinyurl.com/y6er5ptf) and scroll down to Outlook.)

Links: Outlook disables Web links in suspicious e-mails to deter phishing attacks.

What to do about it: To change that in Outlook's settings, see [tinyurl.com/y2sx3kco](http://tinyurl.com/y2sx3kco) and scroll down to "Turn off automatic disabling of links."

# Life & Style

## HBO's 'Dark Materials,' 'Gemstones' both grapple with faith

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—HBO's forthcoming fantasy series "His Dark Materials" and its new televangelist comedy "The Righteous Gemstones" bring wildly different worlds to the screen, yet both grapple with the same central problem: How to take on religion without degrading and demeaning viewers' beliefs.

"His Dark Materials" is based on the novel series from

author Philip Pullman that has been embraced by atheists and condemned by believers for its villain, a powerful quasi-religious organization called the Magisterium.

But the show's executive producer Jane Tranter told a TV critics' meeting Wednesday that the show and the books are a critique of authoritarian organizations of all kinds, embrace spiritual themes and are "not an attack on religion.

"Philip Pullman talks about depression, the control of information and the falsification of information," Tranter said. "There is no direct contrast with any contemporary religious organization."

The show's 14-year-old star Dafne Keen said to her the Magisterium is another version of Big Brother in George Orwell's "1984." She's just now reading it for the first time, she said, after

finishing the three "Dark Materials" books to prep for her role of Lyra, a girl who uncovers dark secrets through her elders. The show also stars Lin-Manuel Miranda and Ruth Wilson.

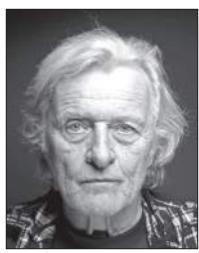
Asked whether he thought controversy would accompany the fall premiere of the show, HBO programming chief Casey Bloys said the makers were "very thoughtful" in their treatment of religion.

### Actor Rutger Hauer, of 'Blade Runner' fame, has died at 75

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Dutch film actor Rutger Hauer, who specialized in menacing roles, including a memorable turn as a murderous android in "Blade Runner" opposite Harrison Ford, has died. He was 75.

Hauer's agent, Steve Kenis, said Wednesday the actor died July 19 at his home in the Netherlands.

Hauer's roles included a terrorist in "Nighthawks" with Sylvester Stallone, Cardinal Roark in "Sin City" and playing an evil corporate executive in "Batman Begins." He was in the big-budget 1985 fantasy



Hauer was picked up by a murderer in the Mojave Desert in "The Hitcher" and won a supporting-actor Golden Globe award in 1988 for "Escape from Sobibor."

Filmmaker Guillermo del Toro in a tweet called Hauer "an intense, deep, genuine and magnetic actor that brought truth, power and beauty to his films." Gene Simmons, the KISS bassist who starred opposite Hauer in "Wanted: Dead or Alive," described his former co-star as "always a gentleman, kind and compassionate."

In "Blade Runner," Hauer played the murderous replicant Roy Batty on a desperate quest to prolong his artificially shortened life in post-apocalyptic, 21st-century Los Angeles.

In his dying, rain-soaked soliloquy, he looked back at his extraordinary existence. "All those moments will be lost in time. Like tears in rain. Time to die," he said.

"It's so much fun to playfully roam into the dark side of the soul and tease people," the

actor told The Associated Press in 1987. "If you try to work on human beings' light side, that's harder. What is good is hard. Most people try to be good all their lives. So you have to work harder to make those characters interesting."

Hauer's ruggedly handsome face, blue eyes and strong physique drew the attention of

American producers in such international successes as "Turkish Delight," "Spetters" and "Soldier of Orange." The offers from the United States came as a surprise to Hauer, who faced the same uncertain future experienced by other Dutch film actors.

"We make about 10 films a year, all in Dutch," he re-

called. "You act for your own community, basically, which is fine. But you can't live on it. There is also the danger of overexposure; you can't be too greedy." After the world recognition for "Soldier of Orange," a friend suggested

Hauer might be able to find work in American films.

### Frenchman to try flying across Channel on his flyboard

**SAINT INGLEVERT, France** (AP)—The man who wowed the crowd in Paris on Bastille Day, whirling over France's leaders on his flyboard, was undertaking final checks Wednesday for his biggest challenge yet: Soaring across the English Channel.

Franky Zapata told reporters that it's all systems go but conceded it's "not an easy challenge."

Zapata, 40, plans to takeoff Thursday, anchored to his flyboard—a small flying platform he invented—from Sangatte, in France's Pas de Calais region to the Dover area in southeast England.

He said he's confident but he didn't want to make projections about his arrival across the 36-kilometer (22.4-mile) stretch of water.

He expects his average speed to be about 140 kph (87 mph).

The wind in the Channel, especially gusts, presents a major challenge, he said, adding that he bends into gusts but is destabilized when the wind quickly dies.

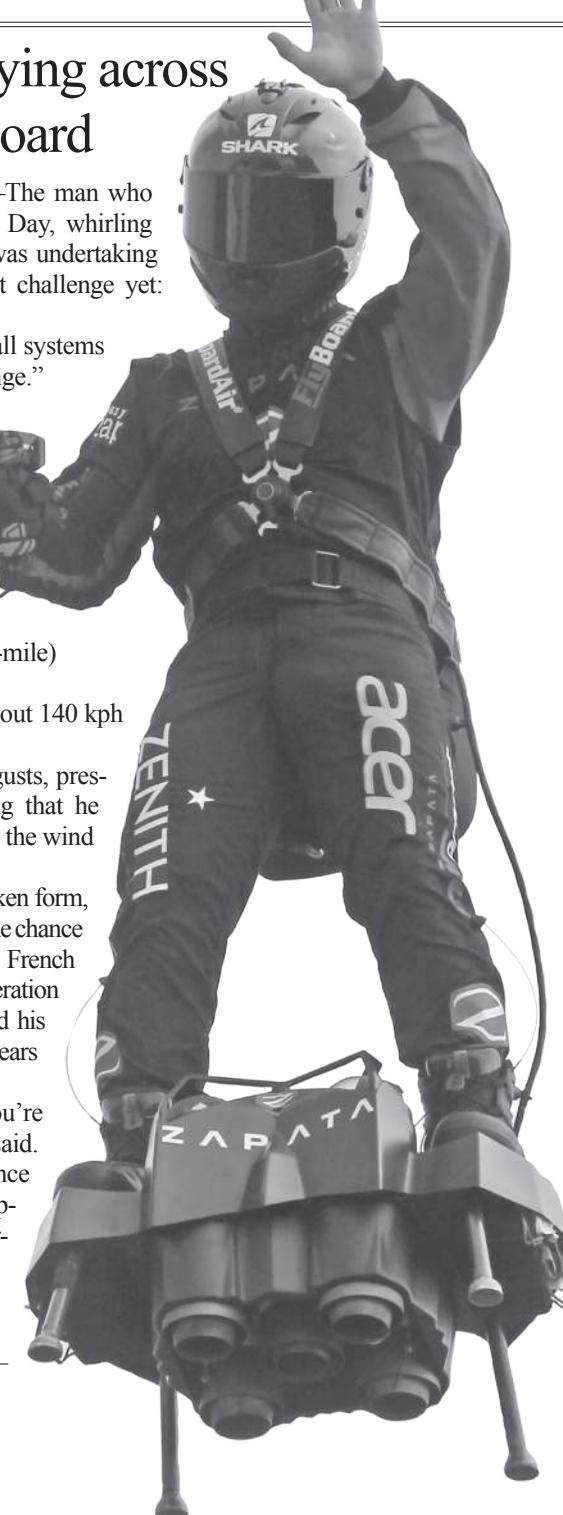
What began as a "simple dream" has taken form, with last-minute changes, including only one chance to refuel, from a boat on the British side. French maritime authorities said the refueling operation was dangerous, even though Zapata nixed his initial plan to refuel the power-pack he wears during his flight from a flying platform.

"We've created a new way to fly. ... You're like a bird. It's your body that flies," he said.

Zapata said he was an aviation fan since his youth and wanted to become a helicopter pilot but was prevented by his color-blindness.

Asked if he was crazy, he said, "No. On the contrary!"

Franky Zapata, "Le Rocketman", a 40-year-old inventor, performs a training flight over the Saint Inglevert airport near Calais, Northern France, Wednesday July 24, 2019.



AP

"It didn't give me concern," Bloys said.

"The Righteous Gemstones," which premieres August 18, portrays a sometimes sincere, sometimes sleazy family of televangelists, milk-

ing them and mocking them for laughs.

But creator and star Danny McBride said he sought to make a show his aunt, a minister in Atlanta, would find funny.

### Conviction of Meek Mill is thrown out; granted new trial

A Pennsylvania appeals court on Wednesday overturned rapper Meek Mill's conviction in a drug and gun case that has kept the rapper on probation for a decade and made him a celebrity crusader for criminal justice reform.

The unanimous three-judge panel said that new evidence that undermines the credibility of the officer who testified against the rapper at his trial made it likely he would be acquitted if the case were retried.

City prosecutors have backed the defense bid for a new trial and confirmed they do not trust the officer, who has since left the force and was the only prosecution witness at the 2008 nonjury trial. Still, District Attorney Larry Krasner said Wednesday his office needs time to decide whether



Mill

has said he had trouble notifying probation officers about his travels as required because of the erratic nature of the music industry.

A little more than a

year ago, he spent five months in pris-

on over technical violations of his parole.

"The past 11 years have been mentally and emotionally challenging, but I'm ecstatic that justice prevailed," Williams said in a statement. "Unfortunately, millions of people are dealing with similar issues in our country and don't have the resources to fight back like I did. We need to continue supporting them."

### Brian McKnight gives fans love album they've been waiting on

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP)—Don't ask Brian McKnight where he's been. That question is really telling, he says, because his true fans know where to find him.

"That question tells me you don't really follow me on Instagram and you're not really in tune with where R&B is today," McKnight said. "If you're listening to where they play music today, you'd know I have a Top 10 single on that chart. If you're an avid concertgoer, you'd know I do 150 shows every year. I'm here. You just have to know where to look."

During a recent tour stop in New Orleans, the 17-time Grammy nominated artist sat down with The Associated Press to discuss his latest project, "Bedtime Story," which dropped last month, and his thoughts about music today.

"It's 60 minutes of love-making music," the crooner said, with a smile, about the new release. "I don't know



McKnight

what anybody else's situation is, you might just need 7 minutes or 12 minutes or 20 minutes, but I'm giving you 60 so that you can just press play and let it flow, let it happen."

McKnight, now 50, has been serenading fans for nearly 30 years and in that time,

he said he's been asked over and over to make an entire record dedicated to love—and all that that entails.

"We'll see if those people, who think they're genius and know what

I should be doing, know what they're talking about," he said laughing. "It's been fun and a challenge to make because all the songs are about the same tempo, and how do you make a whole record this way and not repeat the same idea without being redundant?"

"Bedtime Story," featuring the hit single "When I'm Gone," follows his 2017 release "Genesis," which had three Top 15 singles, including "I Want You."

# HBO chief: Sorry, fans, no 'Game of Thrones' do-over

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.** (AP)—The clamor from "Game of Thrones" fans for a do-over of the drama's final season has been in vain.

HBO programming chief Casey Bloys said Wednesday there was no serious consideration to remaking the story

## Oscar winner Anne Hathaway is pregnant with baby No. 2

**NEW YORK** (AP) Anne Hathaway is signing up for more diaper duty.

The 36-year-old actress announced Wednesday on her Instagram account that she and her husband, actor and jewelry designer Adam Shulman, are expecting their second child.

She posted a photo of her growing belly with the cap-

that some viewers and critics called disappointing.

There are few downsides to having a hugely popular show like "Game of Thrones," Bloys said, but one is that fans have strong opinions on what would be a satisfying conclusion.

Bloys said during a TV crit-

tion "It's not for a movie..."

Hathaway also went on to say that she was sending "extra love" to anyone with fertility issues because she's experienced it, too, with both pregnancies.

The new baby will join big

ics' meeting that it comes with the territory, adding that he appreciates fans' passion for the saga based on George R.R. Martin's novels.

Emmy voters proved unswayed by petitioners demanding a remake: They gave "Game of Thrones" a record-

brother, Jonathan, now three.

Hathaway, who won an Oscar for her work in "Les Misérables," just wrapped filming the movie "The Witches" with Octavia Spencer, an adaption of the

Roald Dahl childrens' book.

But he called the show's cast and creators "extraordinary," and said if they're enthusiastic about an approach to a new story line he'd be open to considering it.

When the series ended last Sunday, the five women who harbored a dark secret were seen heading into their California seaside town's police station. Based on their skyrocketing stress levels, it looked like a confession was ahead—and maybe another season for the hit drama starring and produced by Nicole Kidman and Reese Witherspoon.

Earlier, he told a TV critics' meeting that he doesn't see an obvious story to pursue for a third season.

Bloys said the ending didn't reflect a decision to leave the

door ajar for the possibility of more "Big Little Lies," based on the novel of the same name by Liane Moriarty.

"There were no story decisions based on keeping it open or not," he said.

During a Q&A with critics, Bloys was peppered with queries about a report that season two director Andrea Arnold lost control of the final product to executive producer and season one director Jean-Marc Vallee and showrunner and creator David E. Kelley. The men reportedly sought to match the show's tone and visual style more closely to the first season.

Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt says American International Group Inc. settled the case without Cosby's approval, as they've done with at least eight other women who say the comedian and his agent maligned them by denying their allegations.

Bloom promises a "major, final, legal victory" in Dickinson's case.

Dickinson says Cosby drugged and raped her in 1982. She's one of six accusers who testified at the 2018 criminal trial that led to Cosby's conviction and a three- to 10-year prison term for a 2004 sexual assault.

Bloom promises a "major,

## Small wedding at courthouse makes big waves among family

**D**EAR ABBY: I recently got married at the courthouse. We had been considering it for months. (A courthouse wedding doesn't take a lot of planning.) We decided it was best for us and went for it. We didn't want to spend thousands of dollars on a wedding, and I'm not one for tradition. We invited immediate family and two of our friends.

My grandmother made excuses not to come, saying, "Not enough space," and, "I'm taking care of my grandchildren." It hurt my feelings that she didn't want to be there. Both my parents have passed away, and I wanted what family I have left around me. However, I now know that my grandmother didn't want to come because she's "traditional." She assumed I'm pregnant. (I'm not.) Many other people are also assuming that I'm pregnant because we didn't announce it and did it at the courthouse.

I'm a private person and don't feel the need to tell everyone everything that's going on in my life. My grandmother is currently not speaking to me. Should I tell her I know she was talking to our family behind my back? How do I tell her how much she hurt my feelings by staying away, assuming something and spreading rumors? What should I say to my family who are hurt because I didn't invite them? What should I tell people who

think I'm pregnant? Should I just leave it alone, and in nine months they'll realize how stupid they were for assuming?

NOT PREGNANT IN TEXAS

**DEAR NOT PREGNANT:** Not every couple wants a large, formal wedding. Many people—like you and your husband—prefer to put the money toward a down payment on a house, paying off credit card debt or travel. If your grandmother thought you might be pregnant, she should have ASKED you. If you would like to tell her you were hurt that she wasn't with you when you pledged your vows, feel free to do so. And while you're at it, point out that you have "heard through the grapevine" that she has been telling people you are pregnant, which you're not. (She should be ashamed of herself.) And explain to anyone who feels hurt not to have been invited that you kept your wedding small for financial reasons, not because you had to rush into anything.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an etiquette question about differences in time zones. My son is currently serving in the military overseas, and there is a 14-hour time difference. My question is: When we talk to him on the phone before we go to bed, do we tell him good night, even though it is morning

breaking 32 nominations earlier this month. The series also hit record highs for HBO.

HBO will want to keep the fan fervor alive for the prequel to "Game of Thrones"

that's in the works. The first episode completed taping in Ireland and the dailies look "really good," Bloys said. The planned series stars Naomi Watts and is set thousands of

years before the original.

Asked whether negative reaction to the "Game of Thrones" conclusion will shape the prequel, Bloys replied, "Not at all."

## Bella Thorne shares personal struggles in 1st poetry book

**NEW YORK** (AP) Bella Thorne says people are confused by her and she doesn't understand why, but maybe her new book will clear things up.

"People constantly come to me, directors, producers, people that are like in the industry, and they're always like, 'I just really misjudged you. You're just so different, Bella. It's just so crazy. I wish everyone knew the real you.'"

The actress says she's not sure what's so confusing because her life is an open book—so much

so that she's written a very personal collection of poetry called "The Life of a Wannabe Mogul: Mental Disarray Vol. 1" (Rare Bird Books).

She writes about personal

struggles, relationships, sexual abuse, depression and having dyslexia.

"I constantly wonder how I'm so OK because sometimes I get lost in my thoughts of all of the darkness that I've kind of been through, and I wonder where I would be if I wasn't me," Thorne said recently.

She dates a lot of the poems so readers can chart her personal growth and healing.

"That's important. You change your mind, you change your opinion, you change your whole entire mindset, and that's OK because you live, you learn, you



get older and you decide differently."

Thorne, 21, was a Disney kid, landing a role alongside Zendaya in 2010 on the Disney Channel series "Shake It Up." Since that wrapped in 2013, she's worked steadily with roles in movies like "Blended" starring Adam Sandler, "The DUFF" and "Midnight Sun" opposite Patrick Schwarzenegger.

Thorne has shed some of the wholesome Disney image, embracing more of a free spirit. She has a nose piercing, recently came out as pansexual and is open about her marijuana use.



### ENGAGED!

This April 26, 2018 file photo shows Chandler Powell, left, and Bindi Irwin at a ceremony honoring the late Steve Irwin with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Irwin posted on her social media Wednesday, July 24, 2019 that Powell, her longtime boyfriend proposed on July 23, her 21st birthday.



## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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or early afternoon for him?

DIFFERENT TIME ZONES

**DEAR DIFFERENT TIME ZONES:** Because you are in a zone in which it is night, it's only natural that you would say good night before signing off. If it bothers your son, which I doubt, ask him what he would prefer that you say.

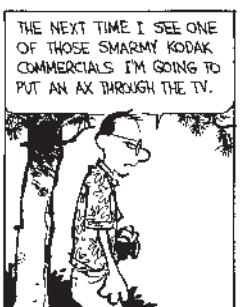
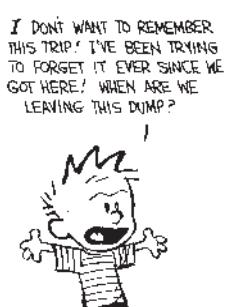
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# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes



By Bill Waterson



## Garfield®



By Jim Davis



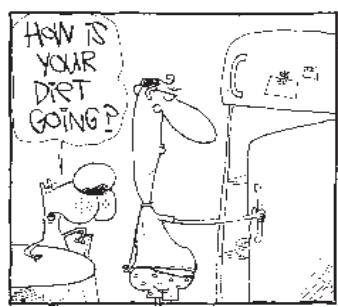
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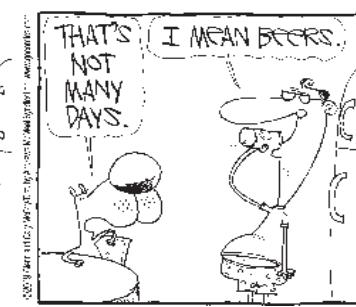
By Bryan Basset



## The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-26

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Bianca Santos, 29; Kate Beckinsale, 46; Sandra Bullock, 55; Helen Mirren, 74.

**Happy Birthday:** Keep your secrets to yourself this year. Making snap decisions will not bode well for you in the end. Strategic moves will encourage success. Issues involving hospitals, institutions and government agencies should not be ignored or handled with angst. Take ownership of what you do, and do your best to make a difference. Your numbers are 3, 15, 18, 27, 30, 36, 43.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Look for an opportunity, and you will find one. Invest in something that brings you joy. Discuss your needs and what you are willing to offer in return with someone you have a meaningful relationship with. Good things will transpire.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can make a difference in your life and in the lives of those you love by offering positive affirmation and help that will encourage better relationships built on trust and the desire to work together to create a better future.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 22): Consider the logistics of something someone suggests. It's important not to overstep your bounds or to let anyone get the best of you.

Equality, balance, integrity and, most of all, honesty should be the precedents to any relationship you develop.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Being helpful should be your goal. If you criticize, you will face opposition, but if you encourage, you will be able to make a positive

difference. A personal relationship should be handled with love, affection and promises.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Observe what others are up to. Making the wrong move based on an assumption instead of fact will lead to a change that won't please you. Slow down and weigh the consequences of your actions before stepping into the spotlight.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participate, listen, learn and grow. A change of attitude will occur when someone shares an experience with you. Express your thoughts and feelings, and make plans that will enhance a meaningful relationship. Romance is in the stars.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refuse to let anyone put limitations on what you can and cannot do. Move forward with your plans, and live out your dreams. Opportunity is your responsibility. Do whatever it takes to use your skills and physical attributes to get ahead.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A day trip, meeting or interview will lead to answers that will help you make an important decision. Things may not turn out exactly as planned but close enough that you will feel proud of your accomplishments. Romance is highlighted.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Know where you are headed before you begin a new adventure. Whether traveling, getting together with friends or relatives or learning something new, it's important not to leave anything to chance.

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## EUGENIA LAST

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect to deal with a change that alters your plans. As long as you are receptive and willing to compromise, everything will eventually fall into place. A significant relationship will lead to a greater appreciation of each other if nurtured.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't feel you have to make a change because someone is trying to persuade you to be a follower. Do what you do best, and create your own opportunities. It's time to put yourself first; let others fend for themselves.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Use experience to overcome a recurring problem. Anger won't solve matters, but recognizing whether it's better to walk away or give an ultimatum will help you feel at peace with who you are and the decision you make.

**Birthday Baby:** You are passionate, helpful and colorful. You are determined and unpredictable.

To submit astrological questions to the "Dear Eugenia" column, visit Eugenialast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUDET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwords. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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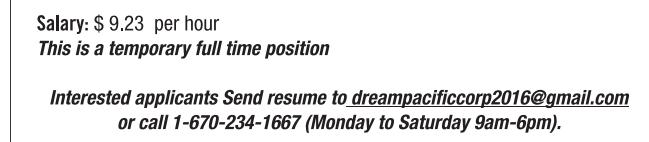
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# Leonard, George want to make history for Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kawhi Leonard and Paul George laughed and cheered along with the crowd when the multibillionaire owner of the Los Angeles Clippers waved his arms, stomped his feet and screamed his new players' praises in a cracking voice.

"Pretty cool! Pretty cool!" Steve Ballmer shouted with glee.

Leonard and George are already loving the Clippers' unique vibe, and they see their future together as limitless.

Nearly three weeks after these native Southern California superstars shook up the NBA by maneuvering to play together in LA, the Clippers' new dynamic duo finally made its first public appearance Wednesday in a south Los Angeles community center gym.

"I think we've got something special," said Leonard, the two-time NBA Finals MVP coming off a championship season in Toronto. "We can make history here. We've got the right team to do it."

In explaining their decision to team up with the Clippers, Leonard and George both mentioned the importance of playing near their friends and family. Both were eager to join a team they grew up watching intently from their hometowns in the far-flung LA suburbs during the Clippers' leaner years.

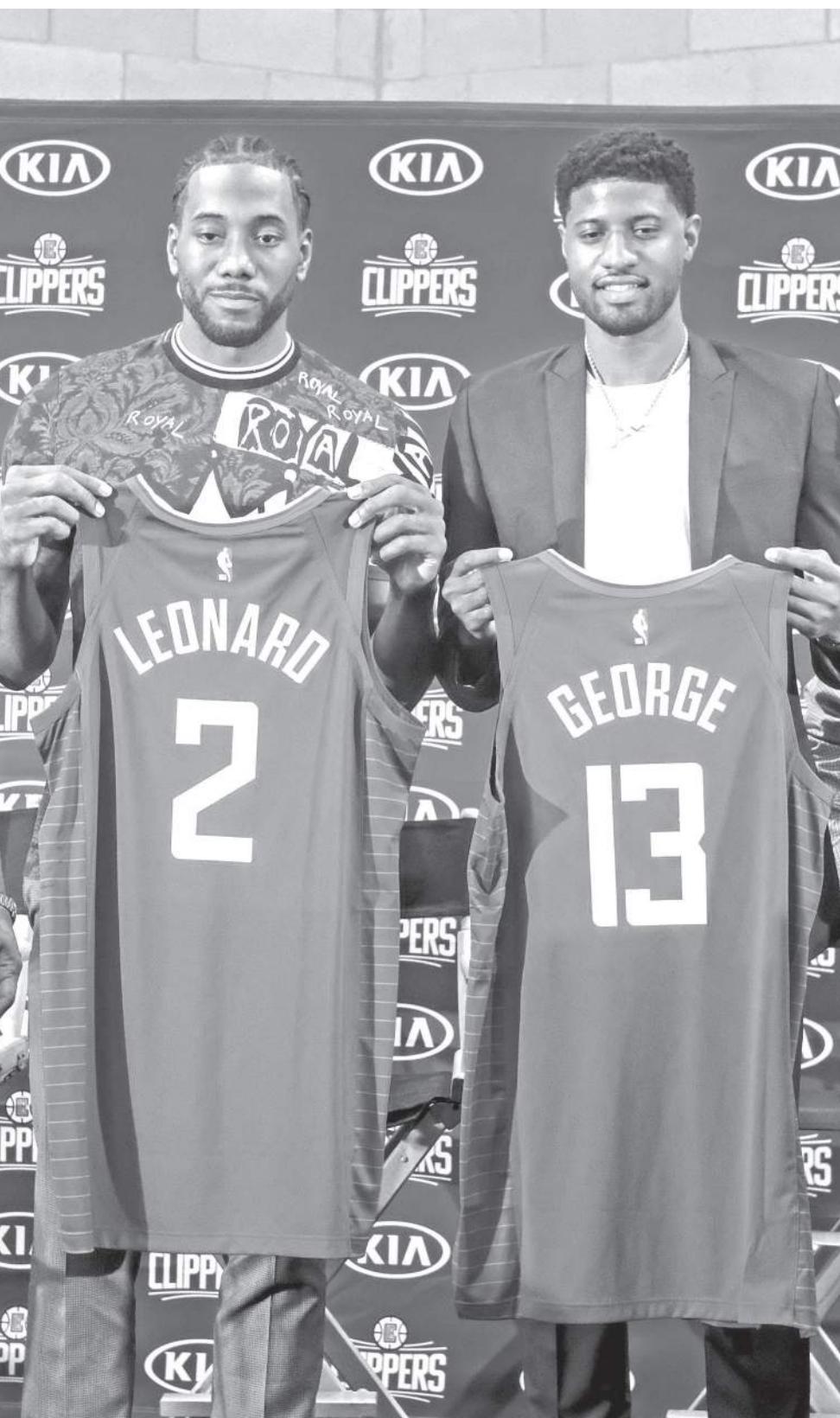
But Leonard and George seemed to be most impressed by this steady, cerebral franchise's supporting cast and leadership—everyone from complementary players Patrick Beverley and Lou Williams to front-office architect Jerry West and coach Doc Rivers.

West and Ballmer structured their entire franchise specifically to attract elite talent this summer, and Leonard sees the Clippers as fertile ground to grow another champion quickly.

"It's an opportunity for us to just build our own, you know what I mean?" Leonard said. "To make history. They haven't been to a Finals. They haven't won a Finals. That was something big and exciting for me."

While Leonard joined the Clippers as a free agent, George got here through a trade with Oklahoma City. The All-NBA first-teamer described his departure from the Thunder as "a mutual thing between the both of us that the time was up" in Oklahoma City.

"I want to be a part of something special," George said. "I want to help build something special, and this is surreal to be home and do it for a team that I grew up with, and wanted to be a part of ever since they missed out on me in the draft. But that's



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Kawhi Leonard, left, and Paul George pose with their new team jerseys during a press conference in Los Angeles, Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Nearly three weeks after the native Southern California superstars shook up the NBA by teaming up with the Los Angeles Clippers, the dynamic duo makes its first public appearance.

another story. That wasn't on Steve's time, so it's cool."

Both Leonard and George mentioned the fact that they nearly played together with the Indiana Pacers, who drafted George in 2010 and Leonard in 2011—only to trade Kawhi to San Antonio on draft night.

"I wish we would have stayed together," George said. "It just seems like this was destiny. We were supposed to play together, so here we are."

The Clippers' long-standing reputation as a miserable franchise has receded annually during their current run of eight consecutive winning seasons. The Donald Sterling era's flaws have been wholly erased since Ballmer bought the team seven years ago and trusted Rivers and West to run it.

For all of their recent success

with the likes of Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and Tobias Harris, the Clippers still haven't reached a Western Conference final or stolen much of the local spotlight from the 16-time champion Lakers.

But this summer, their patient planning allowed them to acquire two men who appear capable of leading them into the NBA's elite.

"It means a great deal for players of this magnitude to decide to be Clippers, and to put their trust in us," Clippers president of basketball operations Lawrence Frank said. "As much as we loved our team last year, we knew we needed elite talent to compete at the highest level. One of the hardest things to do in the NBA is to get one superstar, let alone two superstars who

respect and complement each other like Kawhi and Paul do."

The Clippers did it by impressing Leonard in their free-agency pitch meeting. Frank said the Clippers offer the chance to play at home in LA in a "drama-free" environment, essentially contrasting them with the turmoil that envelops the wildly popular Lakers.

Both Leonard and George were heavily linked with the Lakers in recent years, but Leonard spurned the Lakers' earnest attempts to team him with LeBron James and Anthony Davis next season. While Leonard didn't criticize the Lakers, he praised the Clippers' front office for being "very transparent with me."

Leonard and George both know Los Angeles well enough to know the Clippers

won't come close to matching the Lakers' formidable fan base until they've got a few banners of their own at Staples Center—and the superstars say they don't care.

"As far as the last few years, as far as a basketball standpoint, the Clippers have been better," Leonard said to cheers.

"They're going to get the attention," Leonard said. "They're the Los Angeles Lakers. They've been winning championships for a long time. Even if we do win, who

knows how the Clippers will change? I don't feel like I'm focused on that. I just want to win. I do things that make myself and my teammates happy. That's going to be my focus and drive. If we go to the championship and win and we're not getting no coverage, that's fine with me."

George was more succinct about his thoughts on the Clippers' place in Los Angeles in the years ahead.

"We're going to make it happen," he said. "LA our way."

## Kerr rips Davis for holding Pelicans 'hostage'

### Pau Gasol to sign with Trail Blazers

The Portland Trail Blazers will sign free agent Pau Gasol to a one-year deal.

Gasol, 39, reached a buyout agreement with the San Antonio Spurs last season and joined the Milwaukee Bucks. He played only three games for them before undergoing surgery for a stress fracture in his left foot. He told Wojnarowski earlier in July his recovery has been "smooth" and he expects to be ready for basketball activities in August.

Davis requested a trade from the New Orleans Pelicans in January, and they eventually traded him to the Lakers in exchange for Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart and three first-round picks in June. That deal came after Davis, through his agent Rich Paul, made his trade desires publicly known, resulting in a \$50,000 fine from the NBA.

Kerr said he was less concerned with a free agent leaving (like Kevin Durant from the Warriors to Brooklyn Nets) or a trade in which the organization and athlete come to a mutual determination it's best to part ways (like the Oklahoma City Thunder trading Russell Westbrook to the Houston Rockets). But Kerr felt more uneasy about the idea of an athlete forcing his way out of a city and onto another team.

"I'm talking more about the Anthony Davis situation," Kerr said on the podcast. "Where a guy is perfectly healthy and has a couple years left on his deal and says, 'I want to leave.' That's a real problem that the league has to address and that the players have to be careful with."

"If you come to an agreement with the team that, hey, it's probably best for us to part ways, that's one thing. But the Davis stuff was really kind of groundbreaking—and hopefully not a trend."

Portland finished third in the Western Conference regular season standings and lost in the WC finals to the Golden State Warriors in four games. They'll be in the mix again this season with the returning duo of Damian Lillard and C.J. McCollum.

Meanwhile, the Denver Nuggets have signed point guard Jamal Murray to the five-year, \$170 million extension that the sides agreed to last month. The deal, which runs through the 2024-25 season, was announced Wednesday by President of Basketball Operations Tim Connelly.

Murray, a 22-year-old native of Kitchener, Ontario, in Canada is coming off his best season in his three years in the NBA.

The seventh overall selection of the 2016 draft out of Kentucky, Murray set career highs in points (18.2), assists (4.8) and rebounds (4.2) while helping the Nuggets to 54 wins and the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

# New-look Jets feeling 'rebirth,' open training camp

**F L O R H A M**  
PARK, N.J.  
(AP) —Sam Darnold believes there's something a lot different about the New York Jets these days.

Sure, the start of training camp breeds overwhelming optimism and positive chatter all around the NFL. But the second-year quarterback insists there's more to it than just cliché-filled declarations.

This is real. Darnold can feel it.

"The whole building, you can kind of sense a ... almost a rebirth," Darnold said Wednesday as Jets players reported for training camp.

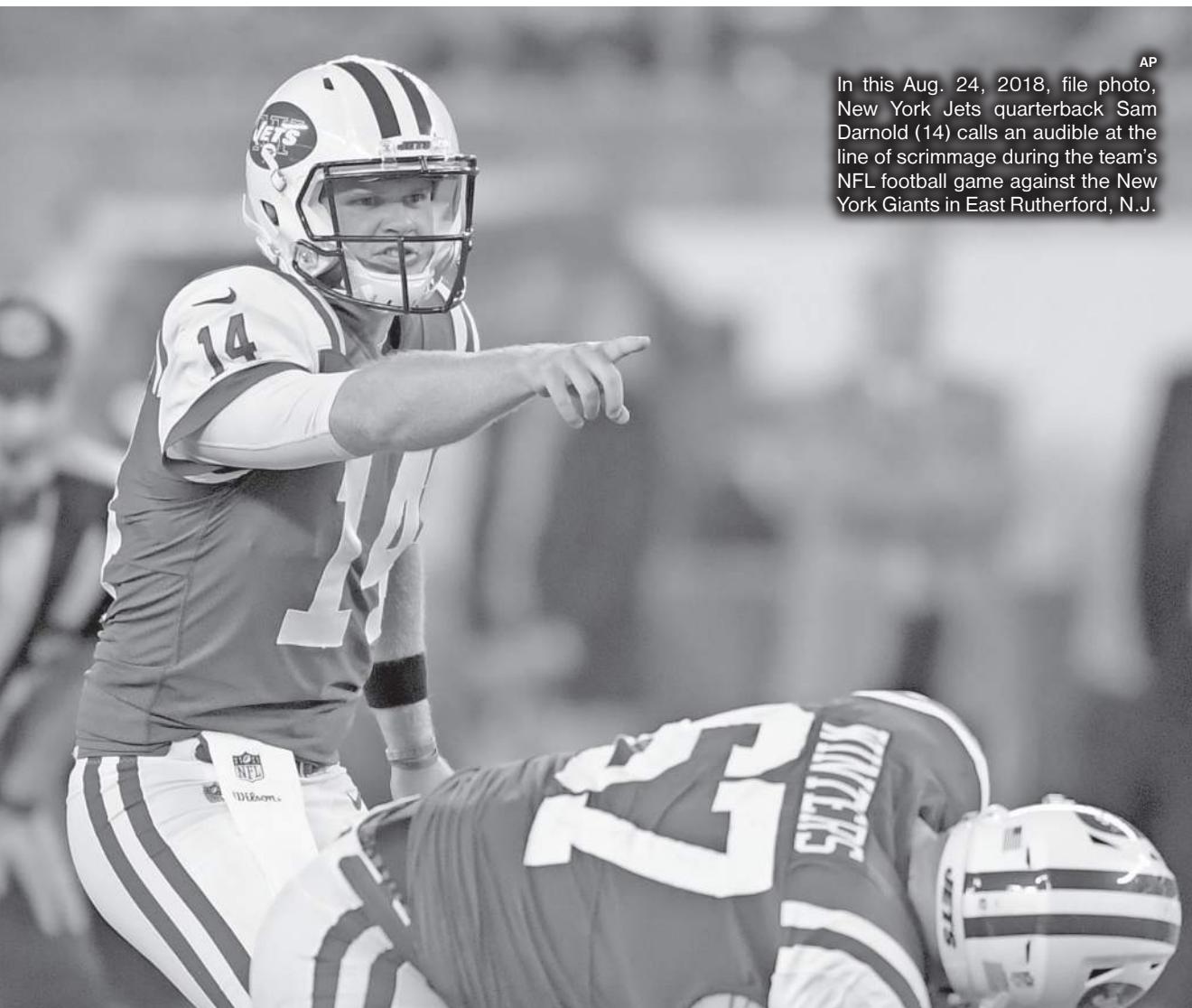
"I mean, I feel like the whole building is very energized, there's a lot of energy within the building, a lot of good vibes," he added. "For us, it's just feeding off that and that happens naturally. We can already feel it in the building. ... And I feel like as long as you have that good energy, we can win with that."

Well, positive energy is sustained only by winning—something the Jets haven't done very much of lately. They're coming off a 4-12 campaign and haven't made the playoffs since the 2010 season.

But, as far as the Jets are concerned, they aren't far from putting that postseason slump—currently the NFL's third-longest—behind them.

"We're going to play meaningful games in the end of November and December," coach Adam Gase said. "That's what we're going to do."

It wasn't the kind of bold declaration Rex Ryan used to routinely make headlines during his tenure as coach. But, Gase has allowed some of his personality to trickle out—unlike the mostly tight-lipped



In this Aug. 24, 2018, file photo, New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold (14) calls an audible at the line of scrimmage during the team's NFL football game against the New York Giants in East Rutherford, N.J. AP

Todd Bowles, who was fired after failing to make the playoffs in his four seasons.

Gase was also briefly unemployed after the season, with the Dolphins moving on after one postseason appearance in three years. The 41-year-old coach has plenty to prove, and is charged with leading a franchise that has remained stuck on one Super Bowl appearance for the last 50 years.

Gase knows the dubious history since the glory days of Joe Namath and understands nothing but bringing home another Lombardi Trophy will be con-

sidered a success. He believes this group of Jets players, at the very least, is starting out with the right attitude.

"There's some good juice in our building right now," Gase said. "We're ready. We're 0-0. It's going to be all about how we come together. We all know we're starting at 0-0 and it's time to go to work and see where the chips fall."

Gase and new general manager Joe Douglas, who replaced the fired Mike Macagnan in May, are working to put together a squad that can consistently be in the mix for a postseason spot.

It all starts with Darnold, of course, and how he develops this season after an up-and-down first year in the NFL. He said he's in the "latter stages" of learning Gase's playbook, and feels "much more comfortable out there" as he prepares for his second training camp.

Newcomers such as running back Le'Veon Bell, linebacker C.J. Mosley, wide receiver Jamison Crowder and offensive lineman Kelechi Osemele highlight a roster that has raised expectations within the Jets' facility.

"A lot of wins," Darnold said when asked what

he thought the team could achieve this season.

That might seem laughable to some, especially considering New York has just 14 victories over the last three years. But that was then, and Darnold and the Jets are focused on the now.

"I think there's enough talent on this roster to be a playoff contender," Darnold said. "But for us, it's one-week-at-a-time mentality. We've got to take it like that. If guys are looking too forward in the future, I feel like we could slip up here in the present."

"So you definitely have ex-

pectations of making it to the playoffs, and we definitely have the talent to do it. But I think the way that you get there is focusing one week, really, one day at a time."

Safety Jamal Adams, wide receivers Robby Anderson, Quincy Enunwa, tight end Chris Herndon and defensive linemen Leonard Williams and rookie Quinnen Williams are all expected to play major roles for the Jets this season.

It all has Gase giddy about the arrival of training camp—where the team can finally put on the pads and bring all those positive vibes out to the practice field.

"The last couple of days have seemed like forever," Gase said. "Everybody's just ready to get going."

Meanwhile, Kevin Byard left the talking to the Titans and his agent this offseason, and now he's agreed to a deal making him the NFL's highest-paid safety with a contract extension hours before they report for training camp.

The Titans announced the multi-year deal Wednesday night.

Multiple reports said the five-year deal is worth \$70.5 million with \$31 million guaranteed. Byard's agent David Mulugheta also represents Landon Collins, who agreed to a six-year, \$84 million deal in March with Washington.

Four-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jurrell Casey congratulated Byard on the new deal.

"My guy tell that boy @jalenramsey let you use that brinks truck!!!!" Casey wrote on Twitter after the Jaguars cornerback arrived to training camp in an armored truck earlier Wednesday.

Linebacker Brian Orakpo, who retired after last season, also praised Byard.



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# Rays beat Red Sox, but Boston files protest over lineup



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

(AP) —

Charlie Morton struck out 11 over seven innings and the Tampa Bay Rays avoided a three-game sweep by beating David Price and Boston 3-2 in a game that the Red Sox protested on Wednesday.

Confusion reigned in the top of the eighth when a series of defensive changes involving reliever Adam Kolarek prompted Boston manager Alex Cora to protest the game due to the placement of subs into the Rays lineup after the designated hitter was removed.

Kolarek replaced Morton and retired pinch-hitter Sam Travis on a pop fly. The left-hander then shifted to first base when Rays manager Kevin Cash brought in reliever Chaz Roe, who got a fly ball from Mookie Betts.

After Kolarek then returned to the mound and Nate Lowe entered to play first base, Cora met with the umpires, which prompted around a 15-minute stoppage as the umpires discussed the matter.

After the protest was made and the game resumed, Kolarek got a first-pitch grounder from Rafael Devers.

An unhappy Cora again talked with the umpires after the third out, which delayed the start of the bottom on the eighth.

## Astros 4, Athletics 2

In Houston, Jose Altuve and George Springer both hit two-run homers to back up another solid start by Justin Verlander and give the Astros a win over Oakland.

Houston bounced back after Tuesday's 4-3 loss in 11 innings snapped a six-game winning streak and improved to 9-2 against the Athletics this season.

Verlander (13-4) allowed two singles and one run, which was unearned, while striking out 11 in six innings for his third straight win. Roberto Osuna allowed two hits and a run in the ninth before striking out Chris Herrmann for his 23rd save.

Oakland starter Chris Bassitt (7-5) yielded five hits and four runs in six innings for the loss after winning his previous two starts.

## Brewers 5, Reds 4

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun and Keston Hiura homered, Yasmani Grandal hit a go-ahead single and Josh Hader made a lights-out relief appearance to lift the Brewers over Cincinnati to avoid a three-game sweep.

Josh VanMeter hit his second homer and Joey Votto and Scooter Gennett had RBI hits to help Cincinnati build a 4-2 lead against starter Jhoulys Chacin. Braun kept Milwaukee close with a two-run shot in the first, his 15th homer of

the season, and the Brewers rallied with Grandal's two-run hit in the fifth.

## Nationals 3, Rockies 2, 1st Game

## Nationals 2, Rockies 0, 2nd Game

In Washington, Patrick Corbin pitched six shutout innings for his first victory in nearly a month, and the Nationals completed a day-night double-header sweep of Colorado.

Washington won for the 23rd time in its last 32 home games and improved to 36-15 overall since May 24, the best record in the majors in that span.

The Nationals also posted their fourth straight doubleheader sweep dating to last season.

Colorado has dropped nine of its last 10 and 16 of 19.

In the first game, Anthony Rendon homered on the first pitch of the seventh inning to lift Washington.

Corbin (8-5) left the bases loaded in the first, but allowed just one runner to reach scoring position in his final five innings. He struck out seven.

## Phillies 4, Tigers 0

In Detroit, Vince Velasquez pitched impressively into the sixth inning and Philadelphia beat Detroit to finish a quick two-game sweep.

J.T. Realmuto and Nick Williams homered for Philadelphia, which has won five of six.

Bryce Harper had the day

off for the Phillies, but they didn't need much offense. Velasquez (3-5) allowed four hits and two walks in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out nine.

Zimmermann (0-8) allowed four runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings. Detroit is 8-35 since the start of June.

## Diamondbacks 5, Orioles 2

In Phoenix, Carson Kelly hit a three-run homer, Taylor Clarke pitched six effective innings and Arizona beat Baltimore.

Arizona closed out the series win with Kelly's homer off John Means (8-6) in the fourth inning, a bounce-back performance by Clarke (3-3) and a little late-inning drama.

Arizona's Yoshihisa Hirano and Archie Bradley worked out of bases-loaded jams in the seventh and eighth innings. Greg Holland started the ninth, but was visited by Arizona's trainer after a walk, then was removed by manager Torey Lovullo following another walk. Yoan Lopez got the final three outs for his first career save.

## Mariners 5, Rangers 3

In Seattle, Mike Leake out-pitched Mike Minor in what could be the final start for each before the upcoming trade deadline, Daniel Vogelbach hit a pair of solo home runs, and the Mariners beat Texas. Leake and Minor (8-6) have

both been the subject of trade rumors—Minor more than Leake—leading up to next week's trade deadline. But it was Leake with the better performance in his first start since taking a perfect game into the ninth inning last Friday against the Angels. Leake (9-8) threw seven innings, his only mistake giving up a two-out, two-strike home run to Rougned Odor in the sixth inning.

## Cardinals 14, Pirates 8

In Pittsburgh, Paul DeJong hit a career-high three home runs, including one during a nine-run second inning, and St. Louis routed the Pirates.

DeJong, Andrew Knizner and Paul Goldschmidt each hit two-run homers in the second while the Cardinals batted around against starter Jordan Lyles (5-7). St. Louis also had five doubles for a total of eight extra-base hits in the inning, tying a major league record.

St. Louis starter Adam Wainwright (7-7) used 105 pitches to get through five innings and gave up four runs, five hits and four walks while striking out five.

## Indians 4, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Shane Bieber pitched a one-hitter, allowing only a double by Eric Sogard in the seventh inning, and Cleveland beat the Blue Jays.

The Indians improved to 14-4 in July. They are 30-12

since June 4, the best record in the majors over that span.

Bieber (10-3) struck out 10 and walked one in his second career complete game.

Greg Allen had three hits and an RBI and José Ramírez had two hits and scored a run.

## Royals 2, Braves 0

In Atlanta, Brad Keller allowed four hits in seven innings and added a single for his first career RBI in his Georgia homecoming, and Kansas City beat Julio Teheran and the Braves.

Keller (7-9) won his fourth straight decision as the Royals swept the two-game series.

Teheran (5-7) allowed four hits with two runs, none earned, in six innings.

## Marlins 2, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Rookie Zac Gallen pitched seven innings of two-hit ball for his first major league win and César Puello hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning as Miami won its second straight game, beating Chicago.

Puello launched his fourth homer deep to left on the first pitch from Reynaldo López, making a winner out of Gallen (1-2) in his sixth start since joining the Marlins rotation on June 20.

## Padres 7, Mets 2

In New York, Fernando Tatis Jr. got three hits and San Diego beat Noah Syndergaard and the Mets for its third win in 11 games since the All-Star break.

San Diego took advantage of two errors by left fielder Dominic Smith and sent the Mets to their fourth loss in five games.

Dinelson Lamet made his fourth start since returning from Tommy John surgery, allowing two runs in four innings while striking out six.

## Angels 3, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Kole Calhoun had a homer and two doubles while driving in two runs in his second straight big game at Dodger Stadium, and the Angels swept the Freeway Series for the first time in franchise history with a win over the Dodgers.

Mike Trout drove in a run and scored another in the fourth straight victory overall for the Angels, who took two from Dodgers in Anaheim last month and two more in Chavez Ravine to earn their first sweep of this local rivalry series since interleague play began in 1997.

Justin Turner homered for the Dodgers. Cody Bellinger was ejected by home plate umpire Dan Iassogna after arguing two called strikes in the eighth inning.



# Carol up for 2 high-level tournaments

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REPORTER

Two big tournaments await Pacific Games gold medalist Carol Lee as she resumes her training at the International Tennis Federation's facility in Fiji.

Lee, who won the mixed doubles event (with Colin Sinclair) in the XVI Pacific Games in Samoa last week, will be competing in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Fiji and in the Australian Winter International in New South Wales. The Oceania Closed will take place in Lautoka from August 12 to 16, while the Australian Winter is set from Aug. 21 to 25. The two are Grade B2 tournaments—the fifth highest in the Junior ITF World Tour progression behind the Grand Slam/Youth Olympics, Junior



Masters, Grade A, and Grade 1/B1. Both events award 160 world-ranking points to the singles champion and 120 to the doubles winners.

"I am training for B2 in Fiji in two weeks and getting ready to defend my singles title. Then, I will be heading out to Australia," said Lee, who played in Samoa for nearly two weeks before going to Fiji for her training sessions at the regional facility.

After her three competitions in the African nation, Lee joined tournaments in Italy and Belgium for about two months and then returned to Fiji late June for her final preparations for the Pacific Games.

The last time she played in Fiji, she won both the singles and doubles titles of a Grade 4 tournament—the South Pacific Open Junior Championships.

Lee also played in the Australian Winter International last year and this time, she is hoping for a better finish after just making it to the Round of 32 in the singles and losing in the first round of the doubles.

This will be Lee's last year in the Junior ITF World Tour and she wants to capitalize on every opportunity presented to her.

## PSG will only move Neymar for full \$248M recoup

**PARIS**—This is strictly about money.

According to L'Equipe, Neymar will only be sent away from Paris Saint-Germain for the full cost of what Les Parisiens spent to bring him to France from Barcelona.

The club is not interested in a player-plus-cash deal, and instead will keep the unhappy Brazilian on its books unless a club offers approximately \$248 million for his services.

Frankly, that's not happening, especially given that his primary suitors have already spent plenty and would fear running afoul of UEFA's Financial Fair Play rules.

Real Madrid had been linked with offering Gareth Bale plus cash, while Barcelona was said to offer money plus two of a pool of six players in exchange for the mega-

watt talent.

Neymar is one of just three players not named Lionel Messi nor Cristiano Ronaldo to finish in the top three of Ballon d'Or voting, and joins Antoine Griezmann as the only name to twice make the list.

Meanwhile, in Argentina, Lionel Messi was suspended from Argentina's first qualifying match for the 2022 World Cup and fined \$1,500 by South American soccer's governing body.

CONMEBOL said its decision Tuesday resulted from Messi's red card during Argentina's 2-1 win over Chile on July 6 in the third place match of the Copa America.

Messi was ejected in the 37th minute after an altercation with Chile's



Gary Medel, who also received a red card.

South American qualifying starts in March.

The decision does not mention Messi's attacks against the Copa America organization. Messi said there was corruption in the tournament and that the tournament was set up for Brazil to win. Messi later apologized to CONMEBOL for his comments.

In Japan, American midfielder Christian Pulisic made his first start for Chelsea in a 2-1 exhibition loss to Barcelona at Saitama.

Pulisic played on the left flank, and the 20-year-old from Hershey, Pennsylvania, displayed his pace. He was replaced by Olivier Giroud in the 60th minute.

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lationship with the other Pacific island swimmers and there's nothing they love more than to play pranks with one another.

### Great show of character

It's hard to imagine what it's like to be just 15 years old and have to step into the world arena and focus upon trying to put in your best performance.

Step forward for Watanabe, who was the first swimmer up for the CNMI on Day 4 (Wednesday) of the world championships.

It's been a positive week in the pool for Watanabe, as she was hoping to keep that progression flowing in the 50m backstroke event. Fresh from a 34.25-second performance

at the recent Pacific Games in Samoa, she posted 35.04 seconds after a quick start from the blocks. Afterwards, Aika embraced yet another new experience in the interview area as she fielded questions about her performance.

"I think the swim was pretty ok. I didn't make a personal best. I was a little nervous and it was very scary," she said.

Her feelings are expected, especially coming from someone who is appearing in the world stage for the first time. However, it was clear that she'd embraced the experience as her smile gave away a little more about her nerves.

"It was a good kind of nervous, so I've enjoyed it although I was shaking a bit at the blocks."

### Personal best

Suzuki's second swim of the

week saw him compete in the 100m freestyle qualifying heat. Edger Iro from the Solomon Islands also lined up in the same heat.

The CNMI swimmer completed the two-length discipline with a time of 57.83 seconds, a personal best for the 16-year-old.

"It was ok. It (the race) was fast! I just do what I can. We don't have a pool (50-meter), so it was just about me and my coach getting together and taking advantage of the training pool here. We were trying to get all the techniques back," Suzuki said.

It was a modest response after a fantastic performance. It gave an insight into his training conditions and also (which most of us don't see) the importance of the swim coach to these hard working athletes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Carol Lee is seen here competing in the Australian Open Juniors early this year. She will be back in the Land Down Under next month to play in the Australian Winter International.

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In other results, Serin Chung won her debut in the POJC after slipping past Fiji's Charlotte Nicolaus, 6-1, 1-6, 10-8. Next up for Chung in the girls U14 singles' Group D game is FSM's Leilah Etscheit, who was defeated by the Cook Islands' Moana Ume, 6-4, 6-3.

Hyejin Elliot also prevailed in her opening match in the girls U14's Group A and she did it in a dominating fashion after whipping Fiji's Fasneen Fareen, 6-0, 6-0. Elliot will close out her pool play assignment today when she takes on Tahiti's Vaiani Dusserre-Valleaux.

The CNMI's girls U14 crew missed a sweep in the opening day of the POJC after Helen Kim was beaten by Samoa's Roselyn Tupuola, 6-1, 6-0. Kim will try to recover today when she duels the Cook Islands' Te Akaiti Toa.

Four other Commonwealth players dropped their openers. Anthony Gregoire fell to Tahiti's Noah Chin in the boys U14 singles, 2-6, 4-6, while the former's sister, Maria, lost to the Solomon Islands' Prudence Bird in the girls U16, 2-6, 0-6. In the boys U14 singles, Vanuatu's Noah Molbaleh crushed Daniel Kang, 6-0, 6-0, while FSM's Jones George topped



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Serin Chung is in Fiji for the 2019 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships and won her opening game in the girls U14 singles event yesterday.



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# Swimmers revel in world champs



CNMI swimmers, clockwise, Juhn Tenorio, Lennosuke Suzuki, Aika Watanabe, and Jinju Thompson compete in the 4x100m mixed medley relay race in the 18th FINA World Swimming Championships last Wednesday at the Nambu University Municipal Aquatics Center in Gwangju, South Korea.

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For anyone who's not an elite swimmer, the thought of competing in a 4x100m medley relay sounds like a challenge, to say the least. Not for the members of the CNMI Swim Team. They revelled in their first-ever competitive mixed relay event in the World Championships.



Lennosuke Suzuki, Jinju Thompson, Juhn Tenorio, and Aika Watanabe

had their own

roles to play within the medley relay and performed them well, clocking in at 4:56.20 in last Wednesday's race in the 18th FINA World Swimming Championships at the Nambu University Municipal Aquatics Center in Gwangju, South Korea. Tenorio did the backstroke event and timed in at 1:04.40; Suzuki posted 1:22.52 in the breaststroke; Watanabe registered 1:18.18 in the butterfly; and Thompson submitted 1:11.10 in the freestyle.

"We just went out there to have fun. We were up in a tough heat, we just wanted to try our best and prepare for tomorrow's (yesterday's) races so it's a good practice," Thompson said.

The CNMI swimmers raced against Denmark (3:49.10) and Jordan (4:08.54) on Heat 1.

Suzuki commented, "I think I went pretty good, I dropped 0.5 seconds from my 100 so that was sweet." Tenorio followed and said, "I was having fun, I tried to keep the lead."

Thompson, meanwhile, noted the importance of having fun while competing with her fellow NMA swimmers;

"It was a pretty okay 50, I couldn't control my adrenaline, so when I turned, I realized I had gone out too fast so the last 50 I was trying to give it my all, finishing the race for us so it was pretty difficult, but it was a fun race," she said.

During the same race, two other Pacific Island teams were in the lanes beside them, ready to see who would be the first to reach the wall. The CNMI bets said they have a great re-

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## Perfect opener for Woo, 2 others

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The CNMI's boys U16 players were unscathed in the opening of the 2019 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji yesterday.

Ji Min Woo led the group's perfect performance on Day 1 of the pool play at the International Tennis Federation's Regional Training Centre after sweeping Fiji's Daniel Kumar.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Jimin Woo, seen here competing in a local tournament, won his opening match in the boys U16 singles event in the 2019 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji yesterday.

6-0, 6-0, in their Group D match. In Group A, Sam Ryu also needed only two sets to top the Federated States of Micronesia's Deavyn Etscheit, 6-4, 6-2, while Sean Lee defeated Samoa's Philip Warren in similar scores in the Group B pairing.

Woo will go for win No. 2 when he takes on the Norfolk Islands' Sam Cribb today, while Ryu will have a tough Day 2 assignment in Pacific Games participant and U16 singles favorite Clement Mainguy of Vanuatu. Lee will also face a formidable opponent in Tahiti's Manovai Elie. The three CNMI bets need to win at least two matches to have a chance at advancing to the playoff round. Only the Top 2 finishers in each of the four groups after the pool play will march to the playoffs.

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